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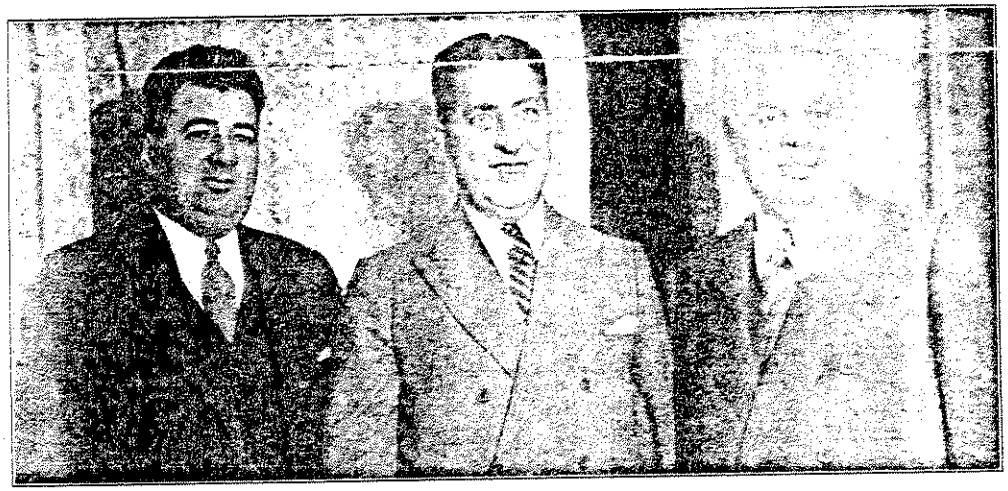

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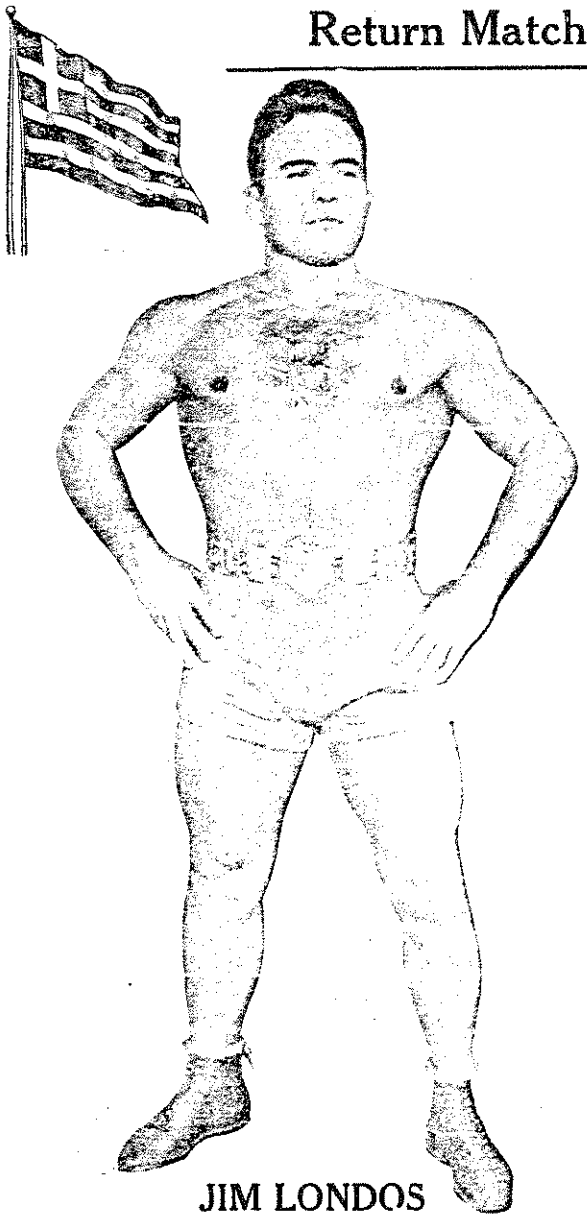

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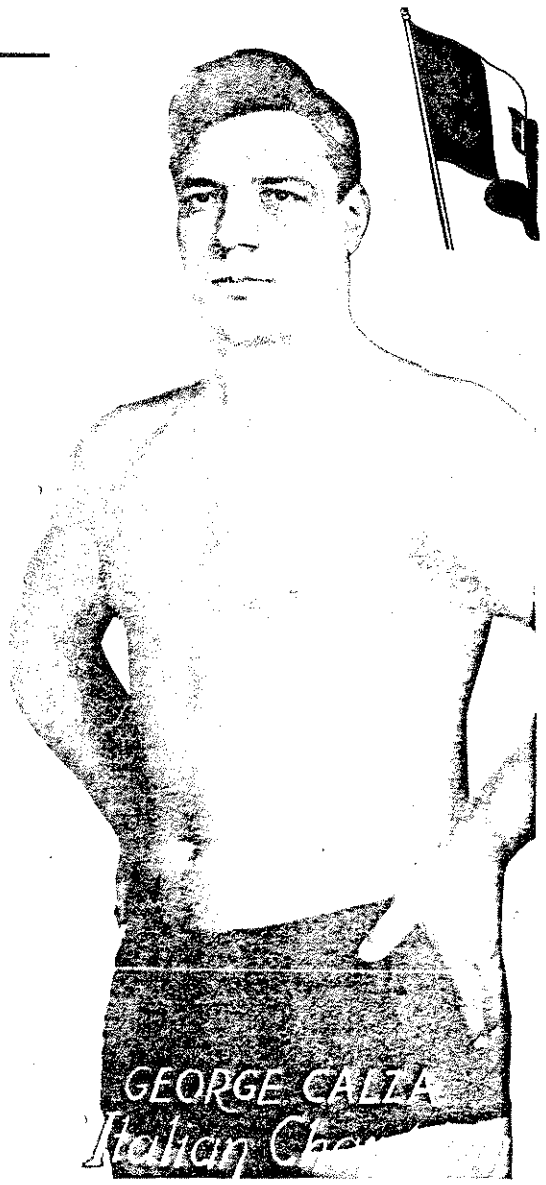

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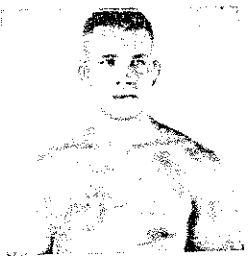

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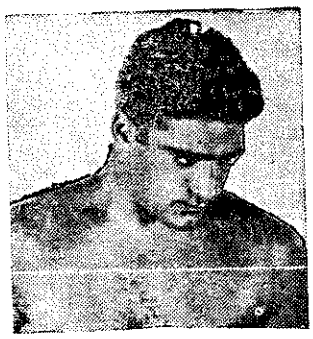

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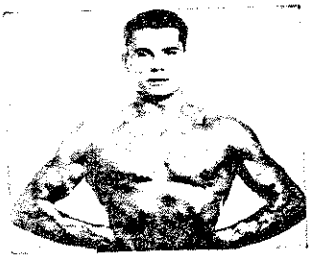

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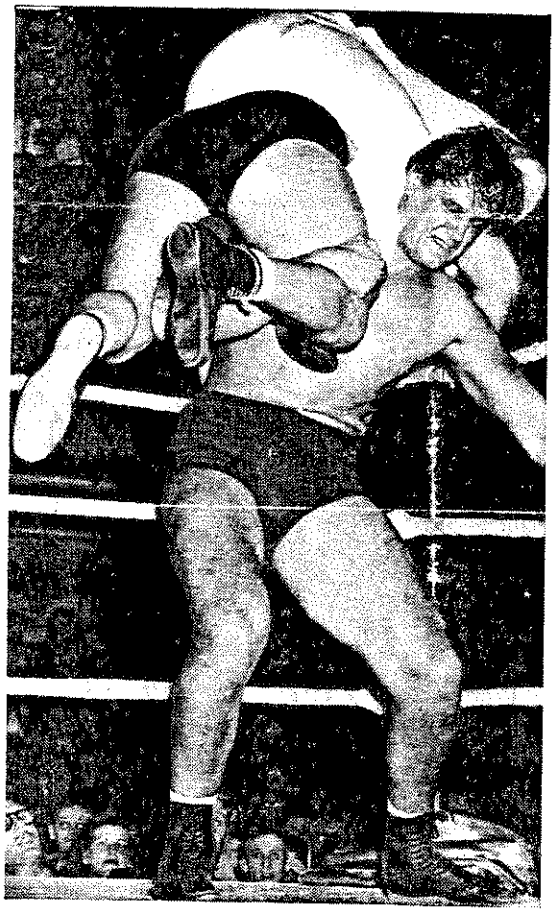
Mazurki and Torres, as Tag Team, Will Oppose Wladek Kowalski on March 14th



Here's what happens when WLADEK KOWALSKI gets his dander up—opponent and referee are pitched out of ring. Polish Adonis meets Mike Mazurki and Enrique Torres in handicap tag match at Kiel Auditorium, March 14th.

LONGSON BATTLES LORD LAYTON IN OTHER HEADLINER AT AUDITORIUM

Hopeful of disposing of his foes two at a time, Wladek Kowalski, powerful Polish Adonis, has offered to pin both Enrique Torres and Mike Mazurki within an hour in a handicap tag team match, on a two-out-of-three falls basis in one of the two main events on the Mississippi Valley Sports Club program at Kiel Auditorium Friday night, March 14th.

In the other half of the double windup feature, "Wild" Bill Longson, three times former world champion, tackles Lord Athol Layton, who has developed into one of the roughest matmen in the game. This also will be a one-hour time limit affair.

This handicap tag team match, tried only once before here when Frankie Talaber and "Dandy" Davis mauled "Gorgeous" George on May 2, 1947, differs greatly from the usual handicap bouts seen in St. Louis recently.

A toss of a coin by the referee will determine who opposes Kowalski first. Once the gong sounds, the partners can change at will. However, if a man is pinned, he is not eliminated as in the case of the ordinary handicap match. That simply counts as one fall and, after a brief rest, the bout resumes. That goes for Kowalski, too. He may be pinned once, then return to competition.

To win and make good his boast that he can "crush wrestlers like Torres and Mazurki two to the hour," Kowalski will have to take two falls within 60 minutes.

BOX OFFICE NOW OPEN—BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY

MEZZANINE 8, ARCADE BLDG.

Tickets for the Mississippi Valley Sports Club's wrestling card at Kiel Auditorium Friday night, March 14, are now on sale daily from 9:15 a.m., to 5:15 p.m., six days a week at Mezzanine 8, Arcade Bldg. For reservations, phone CHestnut 2273, or mail checks or money orders, made out to Mississippi Valley Sports Club, to Mezzanine 8, Arcade Bldg., with SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE. Be sure to allow enough time for mailing.

Kowalski, still smarting from the defeat he suffered at the hands of Bobby Managoff several weeks ago, believes his showing against Torres and Mazurki might earn for him another bout with Managoff so that he can avenge that recent loss.

Torres, in his two appearances here this season, divided a pair of matches with "Wild" Bill Longson, while Mazurki bulled his way to victory in tag-team thrillers, pairing with Ivan Rasputin to whip Al Lovelock and Don Beitelman, and teaming up with Ray Eckert to win from Vincent Lopez and "Whipper" Billy Watson.

Lovelock, who has become the darling of St. Louis mat fans, will have his hands full in the third bout, a battle against 275-pound Barney (The Chest) Barnard, one of the current rages of television wrestling. Fred Davis, former Alabama U. football star and now a Chicago Bear lineman, meets Frank Taylor in one of the preliims, while Warren Bockwinkel battles Stu Gibson in the other.

Referee George Groner Has One Great Ambition— To Officiate Title Match

George Groner, who regularly referees Kiel Auditorium wrestling bouts, says he has one ambition as a ring official.

"I have handled my share of tough matches," declared the former Downtown "Y" and Washington University wrestling coach, "but I've never officiated in a title bout. It is my hope that I will be privileged to referee one of Lou Thesz' matches while he is still champion. I believe it would be a pleasure to be the third man in the ring when Lou wrestles, for I appreciate his style."

George Groner

Disputing the claims of those who say that referees "can't see a lot of things that happen in the ring," Groner commented: "The referee has the best 'seat' in the house. He generally sees all and learns a lot—especially when there's bad blood between the two participants and they're involved in a grudge battle. That's when you have your hands full.

"A referee should always be dignified and remain the third man in the ring. Two days after a bout, the fans should have forgotten who refereed it."

Advice to Season Reservation Holders on New Ticket Prices

Because of the difference in the price scale for "Special Championship" Mississippi Valley Sports Club matches in the future, be sure to check with the box office immediately when a championship bout is scheduled. The price of your reservation may change and you may want to move to a different location.

Your tickets are available two weeks before every match, so pick them up or send for them as soon as possible. If you delay, you may not be able to go downtown to get them or the mail may not be delivered in time.

When sending a mail order for tickets, BE SURE to mention the DATE of the match you want to see. Also, mail your request to the correct address—M-8, Arcade Bldg., St. Louis (1), Mo.

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Here are the new prices for Special Championship Mississippi Valley wrestling cards:

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Rows 13 to 21 (Sec. A, "Courtesy Seats").....$ .75
LOGES—Loges 9 to 22 (center).....$3.50
Loges 1 to 8 and 23 to 32 (off center).....$2.50
MEZZANINE—Secs. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (center).....$3.00
Secs. 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 14 (off center)..$2.00
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YOU SAID IT - -

Wrestling fans, here's your chance to have your say. Tell us what you like or dislike about the matmen. Do you look forward to any particular match? Hold your communications to 50 words or less and mail to 'YOU SAID IT' Editor, Mezzanine 8, Arcade Bldg.

If and when Atomic Rocco comes here, I wish you would match him with Lou Thesz. But I'd settle for a Thesz bout with Verne Gagne instead. MATH. HERMANN, 8615 Partridge Ave.

Answer—So would we!

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How about a match between the Zaharias brothers and the Duseks? That would be a rough one. BETTY PENNY, Box 1010, Rt. 8, LEMAY, MO.

Answer—Ugh. Too rough to watch!

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I still say "Wild" Bill Longson was the greatest champion of them all. Remember—he won 87 straight matches here. DAVID PEARLSTONE, 5911 Etzel Ave.

Answer—Even "Wild" Bill thanks you for remembering those glorious days!

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I attend the wrestling bouts every Friday night without fail. I'd like to see a match between Wladek Kowalski and Sky Hi Lee. Their weights are the same. MRS. L. HENSLY, 4373 McPherson.

Answer—Kowalski beat Sky Hi Lee here last year. Besides, Sky Hi Lee has made a habit of failing to show up for his scheduled bouts.

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We're regular weekly Auditorium mat fans from Belleville. We'd like to know if Buddy Rogers and Mr. America are the same person. KENNETH WITTLICH, 517 East C St., Belleville, Ill.

Answer—Buddy Rogers and Gene Stanlee (Mr. America) are different persons.

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My wife and I are glad to see Lou Thesz still wearing the title belt, but we still like the little boy from Chicago—Bobby Managoff. PAUL BURRIS, 4317 Farlin.

Answer—"Little Boy" Managoff outweighs Thesz, 240 to 235. And Bobby is of the opinion he will take the title next time he meets Lou.

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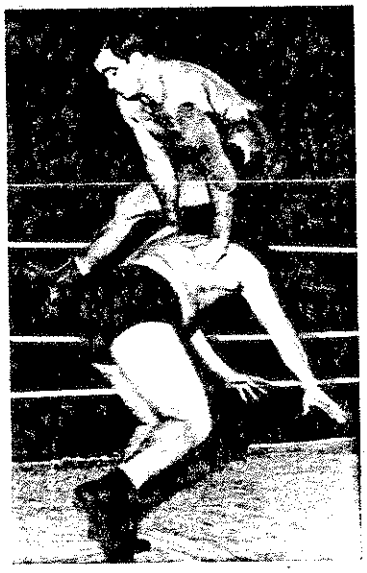
Dick Axman, "The Voice Of Wrestling," in Chicago's popular publication, "Wrestling as You Like It," reports that Chicago Tribune and Sun-Times photographers have taken several important prizes with their photos snapped at ringside of important mat bouts in the Windy City.

"Newspaper photographers like to be assigned to cover wrestling matches," declares Axman. "They find fame in snapping pictures of the wrestlers flying through the air with reckless abandon. Recently, Ed Feeney, of the Chicago Tribune, covered the Lou Thesz-Verne Gagne bout in Chicago's International Amphitheatre. A photo of Thesz and Gagne taken by him won one of the awards in the Tribune photo contest.



Exceptional "shot" taken by St. Louis cameraman of Champion Lou Thesz in action.

"Not too long ago, Joe Kordick of the Sun-Times, also won an award for a picture he took at the Amphitheatre. A national award went to Bill Sturm of the Sun-Times for a picture that displayed Buddy Rogers entangled in the ropes. This picture was taken at Wrigley Field, Chicago.

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THE PROGRAM

Friday Night, March 14 (8:30 P M.) at Kiel Auditorium

DOUBLE MAIN EVENT—Handicap Tag Match
(One Hour Time Limit, Two-Out-of-Three Falls)

WLADEK KOWALSKI
(275) Hamtramck, Mich.

VS.

ENRIQUE TORRES and MIKE MAZURKI
(240) Sonora, Mexico (243) Hollywood, Calif.

CONDITIONS OF HANDICAP TAG MATCH

Kowalski agrees to pin Torres or Mazurki twice within 60 minutes. Partners may change at their discretion and one fall will not disqualify any participant, including Kowalski. If two falls, however, are charged against Kowalski, he loses the bout. Or, if Wladek gains two falls against the Torres-Mazurki team, the Polish giant wins.

DOUBLE MAIN EVENT
(One hour time limit, one fall)

"WILD" BILL LONGSON vs. LORD ATHOL LAYTON
(240) St. Louis (256) Surrey, England

THIRD MATCH
(30-minute time limit, one fall)

BARNEY (The Chest) BARNARD vs. AL LOVELOCK
(275) Kansas City, Mo. (238) Houston, Texas.

SECOND MATCH
(20-minute time limit, one fall)

FRED DAVIS vs. FRANK TAYLOR
(243) Louisville, Ky. (240) Toledo, Ohio

FIRST MATCH
(20-minute time limit, one fall)

WARREN BOCKWINKEL vs. STU GIBSON
(240) St. Louis, Mo. (220) Louisville, Ky.

Advance Ticket Sale at Mezzanine 8, Arcade Bldg.
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Get Up a Party for Saturday, April 12 Finale

Get up a party now to attend the season's wrestling finale on Saturday night—the night before Easter—April 12. Following the March 14 program, there will be only two more Mississippi Valley Sports Club mat cards at Kiel Auditorium, Friday night, March 28, and Saturday, April 12.

TICKET PRICES

Here are the ticket prices for the Mississippi Valley Sports Club's wrestling shows at Kiel Auditorium:

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FRONT BALCONY (all sections)	**$1.00**

General admission (75 cents) goes on sale at 7 o'clock night of show at Kiel Auditorium.

RESERVED SEATS for the March 14 show are now on sale.

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RESERVATIONS WILL BE SOLD IF THEY ARE NOT CALLED FOR BY 5 P.M. THE DAY BEFORE THE MATCHES.

Sports in a nutshell

By Jimmy Bell

(Sports Editor, North St. Louis Community News)

Lou Thesz, National Wrestling Alliance kingpin, is cordon bleau in the art of deceiving any title seeker. His little act of kneeling pitifully in one of the four ring corners is nothing more than an invitation to get one's teeth knocked out.

Whenever an opponent shows disrespect toward this little move by the champ, Louis obliging turns his foe into a pretzel.

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Rumors that Thesz, since his recent battles with Verne Gagne and "Wild" Bill Longson, is tired and badly in need of a rest, are regarded as so much hokum by Lou's more recent subject. Bobby Managoff, "Don't let anybody kid you," related handsome Robert, "Lou Thesz is still very much a champion. The guy's the toughest in the game."

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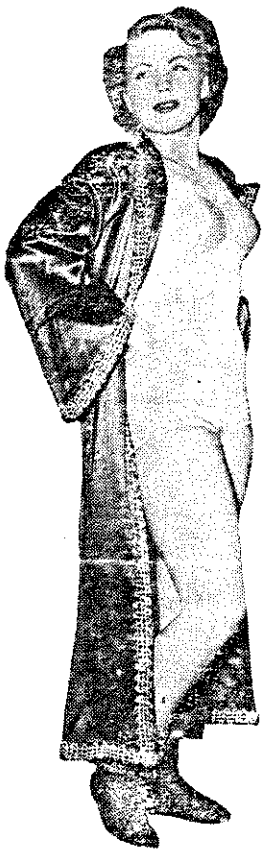

June Byers
. . . She's ambitious

June Byers, who returned to the ring recently after an absence since last April, hopes to become a wrestling promoter. But before she undertakes her duties as an impresario, June says she'll pin Mildred Burke, feminine mat champion of the world.

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Danny McShain recently had this to say about his newly acquired junior heavy title: "My biggest worry is being able to get as rough as I want without getting disqualified. This cramps my style no little. I'll be glad to get back to Texas where men are men and women like them that way!"

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Wladek Kowalski, at 15, was told that exercises would be harmful. Disbelieving the diagnosis, Kowalski took up weight-lifting and today is one of the strongest wrestlers in the world.

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The Great Togo, barred in St. Louis because of his high blood pressure, is enroute to Japan where he'll oppose the champion Sumo grappler of that country for the title.

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An idea of a top-notch wrestler's salary was indicated recently when Verne Gagne, erstwhile junior heavyweight champ, Minnesota grid star and now heart-throb of feminine ring-siders, turned thumbs-down on a Hollywood contract. When Warner Brothers offered him a pen, Verne turned away from the scroll, saying: "Not enough money in your movie profession; I'll stick to wrestling." The TV hero of the mat hopes to make upwards from $30,000 this year.

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Gagne No. 1 on Kowalski List Of 'Guys I'd Like to Beat'

If he wins from Enrique Torres and Mike Mazurki, March 14, Wladek Kowalski has big plans ahead.

RAY ECKERT—he's fifth on Kowalski's "hit" list.

Revived and freshened up by his first vacation at his parents' home in Hamtramck, Mich., in two years, the Polish giant came here with a list of opponents "I'd like to meet and BEAT."

No. 1 on the list is Verne Gagne "because he is claiming he whipped me—and I'd like to show him who's the better man." (In a handicap bout, Kowalski got the only fall but failed to pin Verne twice in an hour, technically "losing.")

Lou Thesz ranks second, "because I'd like to wrestle for the title," and The Mighty Atlas is No. 3 "because he's a fresh little guy I'd like to maul."

Then comes "Wild" Bill Longson in fourth place "because Longson has the memory of an elephant—he never forgets that he beat me once in a two-out-of-three falls match—and I'd like to even that one."

Probably more for needling purposes than anything else, Ray Eckert, who has been clamoring for a shot at Kowalski since Wladek bowled him over twice outside the ring, has been placed in fifth place on the Kowalski list.

"That Eckert," he heckled, "should have stayed in South Africa. Every time he meets me, it's with a sneer. That's why I usually sock him, no matter where we are—for I want to knock that sneer off his face."

Wladek seemed mostly irked at Gagne because, as he put it, "he's publicizing the fact that he beat me in such Polish strongholds as Chicago and Milwaukee—and my people are asking me: 'What about it?'

"Well, here's my answer: I outweigh Gagne by 30 pounds and if they let me meet him in a one fall to a finish bout—with no time limit—I'll whip him any place, any time. Afraid of his sleeper hold? Bah!"

CAN'T FAKE WRESTLING EVEN IN MOVIES—MAZURKI

Mike Mazurki, villain of the ring and screen, says it's impossible to "fake" a mat bout—even in the movies.

"In my film, 'Night and the City,' I was the young, modern-day champ," Iron Mike related. "I had to wrestle famous old Stan Zbyszko, former world champ, who was the old-time scientific grappler. It was to be a 'gymnasium brawl,' a battle to the death.

"For this part, I trained Zibby, now 73 years old, for three months, for he hadn't wrestled since he retired 15 years ago.

"Well, in our big bout, Stan put a bear-hug on me and I broke it with two or three socks, but the director stormed and stopped the grinding cameras.

"'Mike,' he told me, 'you're faking this bout—you're pulling your punches. In this film, this 'shot' has to be real, bona fide, with no punch-pulling. I'll show you the 'rushes'; they'll bear me out. Sure enough, the films showed I wasn't giving my all.

IRON MIKE MAZURKI . . .
. . . he mauled Ol' Zibby

"So we explained it to the Old Man and he said to go ahead and let him have it. Well, I did. Knocked out four of his lower teeth with one punch and on my next, to his chest, he collapsed on the mat. We had to lay off four days until he recovered so we could finish the film. Naturally, I was scared, like everybody else, that we might kill the Old Man with that kind of rough treatment, but wrestling's a dangerous sport, whether it's in your Auditorium or on the screen."

Mazurki, explaining that Zibby got $25,000 for his part which runs for about 10 or 12 minutes in the picture, was floored when the one-time great Polish matman came to him, after the film was taken and said: "Confidentially, Mike, these present day wrestlers are the best—men of my time could never whip your moderns!"

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WRESTLING PROGRAM

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Cowboy Rocky Hi Lee

SIX MAN TAG TEAM FEATURED HERE TONIGHT AT ADELPHIA A. C.

Something new presented by Ray Fabiani, a six man tag team match will be shown for the first time in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. Fabiani has come up with this idea after seeing it went over big id Baltimore anr arranged with Buddy Rogers and Billy Darnell, and Bobo Brazil they are being matched against Karl Von Albers, the Golden Terror and Cowboy Rocky Hi Lee.

Rogers, Darell and Brazil will find Von Albers. Terror and Hi Lee a rough and ready trio. Brazil, a former baseball player will have a chance to renew his feud with Cowboy Hi Lee. The Golden Terror making his first appearance here tonight after an absence of two years.

The featured match will be supported by Angelo Savoldi opposing Don Stevens —Angelo, who hails from Hoboken, N. J. and Don Stevens from Columbus, Ohio. The opening match will be Ray Stevens from Columbus, Ohio trading holds with Arnold Shoaland from White Plain, N. Y. Next wresting show will be held on Monday January 23.

Bobo Brazil

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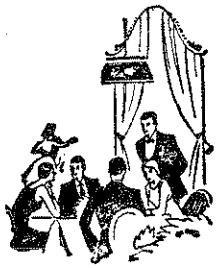

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GAGNE vs. GORGEOUS GEORGE

PLUS

SIX MAN TAG TEAM MATCH

SHIBUYA, MITSU and TOGO vs. HAGEN, PESEK and GEOHAGEN

CO-PROMOTERS DENNIS STECHER and WALLY KARBO consider Tuesday night's professional wrestling program the greatest overall card they have signed in years and years.

Radio and television announcers, newspaper reporters and veteran ringsiders reiterate the viewpoint in enthusing terms.

The stellar All-Star lineup includes eight, that's right — eight, main eventers, all of whom rank among or near the top 20 heavyweights in the National Wrestling Alliance's ratings.

VERN GAGNE

Main event of the four-bout card matches two masters of mayhem in the persons of **Vern Gagne** and **Gorgeous George**. The two met recently in Milwaukee and the tempo of action and excitement kept fans buzzing for days in discussion of various incidents.

Internationally famous for his resplendent mop of blond curls and grandiose entrances into the arenas replete with valette and germicide spraying equipment, Mr. G. will be more or less a stranger even to those who have seen him previously.

Oh yes! He still entrusts his health service precautions to a sweet and lovable lass. Fact is she's the most among a long line of lovely candidates for queen of queens.

And the ring, the unfortunate opponent, referee, press row occupants or anything or anybody likely to come within breathing range of Mr. Hollywood become the victim of a generous coating of germicide.

But Mr. G.'s curly locks are no more. (For details, see Karbo's Kolumn on page 2.) **"The whole thing," says Gorgeous, "was strictly an unfortunate incident . . . and a frame up."**

The semi-windup is one which would demand top billing on nine of ten programs. It's a six man tag match calling for two of three falls within a one hour time limit.

If it turns into the most devastating grudge affair in the last decade, it won't surprise many in the wrestling fraternity.

It pits **Kinji Shibuya, Mitsu Arakawa** and **Tosh Togo**, the three top Japanese wrestlers in America, against a trio who have seen nothing but red inside the circumference of the rising sun during recent individual hostilities with members of this trio.

These infuriated campaigners include **Thor Hagen, Jack Pesek** and **Timothy Geohagen.**

Two preliminary matches will open the card at 8:45 P. M. in the Minneapolis Auditorium.

GORGEOUS GEORGE

Karbo's Kolumn by Wally K

Have you wondered how **Gorgeous George**, once so proud of his biond curly locks, could endure the loss of same? So have we. It was a dramatic affair, according to stories from Toronto newspapers. These excerpts from accounts published the next day. Read on:

"Fore sale, cheap: thousands and thousands of Georgie pins. Only blondes need apply.

"They said it couldn't be done. That Gorgeous George would be shorn of his Golden Locks should he be defeated by **Whipper Watson.**

"But it did. The Whipper had to rout villain **Gene Kiniski** to make it, but he made it. And there was the gorgeous one, with his valette, **Cherie Dupre**, sobbing broken-heartedly having all those lovely curls clipped from him.

"Besides George's avowal that they could have his hair if he lost, Watson promised he would retire if defeated.

"George made his customary grandstand entrance. Cherie carefully sprayed the ring, the Whipper, and later, **Referee Joe Goliob** with perfumed germicide.

"The P. A. system didn't give out with 'Pomp and Circumstance,' or pomp and persiflage, however, and this was an omen. Cherie deftly patted Gorgeous' stray curls into place and they were away.

"Whipper wasted not a moment. He deliberately mussed up George's hairdo, grabbed him by it and flung him to the other side of the ring. George was outraged. He grabbed a sneaky leg hold breaking out of a clinch on the ropes and took a few rips at Whip's eyeballs.

"The Whipper grabbed him by the locks and flung him hence. George was infuriated.

"Eventually, Watson applied his special sleeper hold. Twice George broke it. But the third time he couldn't manage. From nowhere came Kiniski and belted Whipper a slosh on the topknot. Continued banging incited the arrival of a small army of other wrestlers on the scene.

"Meantime, Goliob had disqualified George for outside help. Now the Gorgeous one had to disgorge his locks. He fled. Right into the arms of the aforementioned army. He was hustled back into the ring and a chair was brought in.

"Cherie tried a filibuster by seating herself in the chair in the hope of averting George's awful fate. She was removed gently. Came the barber and off came the curls.

"Cherie, in between sobs, caught them in a towel. They will be placed in an urn and offered to the Smithsonian Institute.

"It might be noted that no barber outside of Perry Como ever performed before so many spectators. 14,000 of them. Georgie pins, if you didn't know, are Gorgeous George's personalized name for bobbie pins."

So that's how Mr. G. became "Baldy" and a likeness of Y. Brynner.

One conciliation for Mr. G., is that he needn't worry any longer about opponents using his long curls for ill gain.

And for wrestling fans, in general: Whipper remains in competition.

Referee George Armstrong Is a Man of His Word

Main event wrestlers last week were warned before the match by **Armstrong** that he intended to enforce provisions of their contract to the letter.

One specification was that any grappler leaving the confines of the ring without provocation would be subject to disqualification.

When **Kinji Shibuya** became embroiled with activities at ringside, Armstrong disqualified him and was about to award the Victory to **Vern Gagne.** However, before the official had completed this action, Gagne let his temper flare to a burn and he took after Kinji's unidentified second.

Armstrong then disqualified Gagne, too, and ruled the match no contest.

Co-Promoter Wally Karbo, an ex-official himself with considerable prestige, believes Armstrong may have acted too quickly but adds that he admires a referee who is firm.

Karbo also advises that all officials working bouts here have been instructed to crack down. **Bill Wright** can substantiate the statement.

He has been fined $100 and suspended for acts detrimental to the sport in his match here last week.

WRESTLING NEXT TUESDAY at MPLS. AUDITORIUM

VERN GAGNE WILL DEFEND HIS PRIDE AND REPUTATION TONITE

Vern Gagne, the uncrowned heavyweight champion of the world, no doubt will find himself in the position of defending his pride and reputation, and perhaps his good health, against a wrath he indirectly seeded.

Scene will be Tuesday night's main event against **Gorgeous George.**

It was down Milwaukee way where the afortmentioned pair battled through 30 minutes of breathless excitement. Neither could gain much quarter and the result was a draw.

Gagne, disgusted over his inability to subdue Mr. G., promptly went into the barbering business. With himself as chief customer. The incident caused one fan in the reserved section to blurt out in fog-horned tones that "with your sparse coverage this job will last only a few seconds."

Regardless, Vern sheared every strand at the scalp. Gorgeous, watching from ringside by then, thought this great fun. Whereupon, the former Gopher challenged that Mr. G. wasn't man enough to submit to same even over a loss. Another hearty chuckle from George.

Weeks later **Whipper Watson** requested that Gorgeous' prideful locks be shorn if he should lose. In return, Watson would retire if beaten. Not one to step down from his pompous pedestal, Mr. G. reluctantly agreed.

Result was a new **"Mr. Baldy,"** and Gagne's turn for laughter. But all is not so humorous to Mr. G. these days.

"Gagne thinks he is riding on Cloud Nine these days. Tonight, we'll see who enjoys the last — and best — laugh."

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MITSU ARAKAWA RE-INSTATED

Mitsu Arakawa, capable stomach claw expert and famous protege of Kinji Shibuya, has been removed from the Minneapolis Wrestling Club's list of suspended members.

Promoter Dennis Stecher said in conection with the official announcement early this week that the action is executed reluctantly as far as he is personally concerned and that it carried a "strongly-worded" edict to Arakawa regarding his future behavior.

The reinstatement, Stecher said, is the result of considerable pressure brought about by wrestlers themselves who have scores to settle with Mitsu, and by his partner, Wally Karbo.

Matmen particularly interetsed in the move are Thor Hagen, Jack Pesek and Timothy Geohagen, individual opponents in recent weeks against the three Japanese artists now campaigning in the area — Mitsu, Kinji and Tosh Togo.

Geohagen, the doctor of philosophy who became spokesman for the aforementioned trio, told Stecher in pleading tones that it was their wish, and likewise one of the wrestling fraternity in general, that the ban be lifted.

"We understand," a petition delivered by Timothy, "that Arakawa's suspension was provoked by unethical conduct against opponents and certain flagrant violations of house rules. No violations of consequence of NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE regulations is involved.

"We are unable to regain lost prestige with the press and spectators, which was generated thru deliberate acts on the part of Arakawa, while he remains on your list of suspensions. Therefore, we respectively request that this suspension be terminated. We further ask that you sign Arakawa, Shibuya and Togo with all due haste for a tag match against the undersigned."

The petition was signed by Geohagen, Pesek and Hagen.

Karbo acknowledged his sympathy with the viewpoint of the wrestlers.

"Dennis is a bit too harsh in keeping Arakawa on the suspended list," Karbo said. "The problem of maintaining discipline in the ring is a mean one and suspension is one of the guiding forces. But I think Mitsu has learned his lesson.

"Furthermore, if Mitsu desires to second for Shibuya, it is only fair and reasonable with other wrestlers that he earn his way inside the ring, too. My opinion in the case of Tosh Togo is identical also.

"You have to fight fire with fire," Wally added. "Why not match Mitsu with such seasoned men as Vern Gagne, Joe Pazandak or Hard Boiled Haggerty? He would learn his lesson the hard way if the suspension hasn't accomplished it."

WRESTLING PROGRAM

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—— ADDED ATTRACTION ——

1 TOSH TOGO (Los Angeles, Cal. (228)) vs. THOR HAGEN (Fargo, N. D. (232))

One Fall, 10 Minute Time Limit

—— ADDED ATTRACTION ——

2 MITSU ARAKAWA (Hiroshima, Japan (230)) vs. JACK PESEK (Omaha, Neb. (237))

One Fall, 10 Minute Time Limit

—— SPECIAL EVENT ——

(SIX MAN TAG MATCH)

3 KINJI SHIBUYA (Hawaii (242)) & MITSU ARAKAWA (Hiroshima, Japan (230)) & TOSH TOGO (Los Angeles, Cal. (228)) vs. THOR HAGEN (Fargo, N. D. (232)) & JACK PESEK (Omaha, Neb. (237)) & TIMOTHY GEOHAGEN (Ireland (235))

Best Two of Three Falls, 60 Minute Time Limit

—— MAIN EVENT ——

4 VERN GAGNE (Excelsior, Minn. (228)) vs. GORGEOUS GEORGE (Hollywood, Cal. (218))

One Fall, 60 Minute Time Limit

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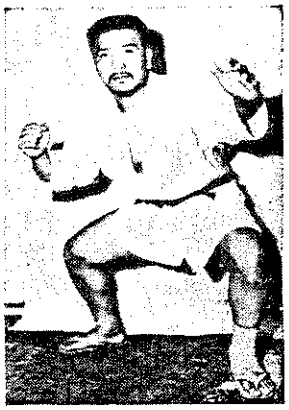


TOSH TOGO

ACTION GALORE PROMISED FOR TONIGHT'S SIX MAN TAG MATCH

A majority of ringsiders and most of the wrestling fraternity predict that Tuesday night's six man tag team match will become the most exciting grudge match seen here in years.

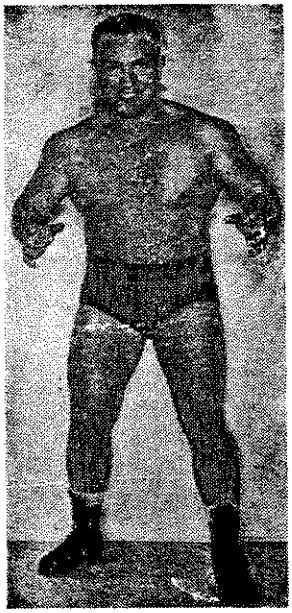
Numerous incidents in recent weeks lend credence to these beliefs.

The team of **Jack Pesek, Timothy Geohagen** and **Thor Hagen** went so far as to petition the Minneapolis Wrestling Club for the reinstatement of **Mitsu Arakawa** so that the trio could get Mitsu and two of his Japanese partners in mayhem. **Kinji Shibuya** and **Tosh Togo**, into the same ring all at once for hostilities.

"These foreigners," said Hagen, "are getting a mite too fresh with their unethical tactics. They consider themselves the world's greatest but actually they are not even a match for second grade American wrestlers."

"Tonight our team will enlighten the Emperor's subjects with a demonstration on what first class American wrestlers do against their over-ballyhooed collection of sumo, judo and kurate."

Kinji Shibuya was less than impressed with these threats and bellered: "Talk, talk, talk. All you ever get from American. Big wheel become little spoke when time for action come."



TIMOTHY GEOHAGEN

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Danny McShain

"WELCOME FANS!" SAY YOUR PROMOTER AND MATCHMAKER

Big time wrestling returns to Austin tonight in a big way under the able guidance of Mrs. Sallee McShain, who will promote the matches here at the Forum each and every Wednesday night, and Danny McShain who will be the matchmaker for the combination.

The McShain name is not new to wrestling. Your matchmaker holds a long and distinguished record in the sport as one of its finest and toughest grapplers. He has three times held the world's junior heavyweight title; he has held the Texas state heavyweight and junior heavyweight crowns and numerous other sectional titles.

Here is what he has to say to Austin fans:

"I have always felt that the fans in Austin were among the best I have encountered in my travels around the world and I long ago determined to come here to stay. My years in wrestling have qualified me to be a matchmaker. I know a wrestler when I see one and I know when two styles properly matched, will produce the kind of action that fans like and deserve. That's the kind of action I will bring to Austin."

Mrs. McShain could certainly qualify as the prettiest sports promoter in the country but she prefers to be known as the busiest.

"Like Danny, I am glad that we are making Austin our home and while his job is matchmaking mine is going to be promotion which means I will be responsible for selling tickets, getting the Forum in shape and a thousand other details. But we are looking forward to meeting all of you and hope you will spread the news to your friends that we have wrestling here every Wednesday night."

WORLD'S CHAMPION PAT O'CONNOR IN TOUGH TITLE CONTEST!

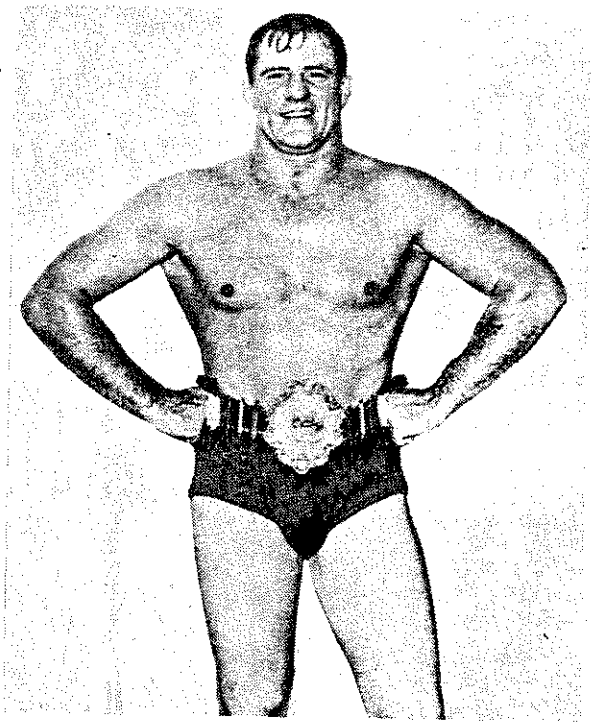
Pat O'Connor, the New Zealand born Irishman who won the world's heavyweight title in January by defeating Dick Hutton in St. Louis, faces as tough an opponent as he has been called on to meet since that date in meeting Corsica Joe in tonight's main event here at the Forum.

O'Connor, born near Wanganui, New Zealand on his father's sheep ranch, was the amateur champion of all Australia before he came to this country to turn pro. In the comparatively short space of 7 years in the pro grame he rocketed into stardom and the world's heavyweight crown.

Pat is a personable and hard working athlete who is interested in being known as a "fighting champion". He is well aware that in agreeing to meet Corsica Joe tonight he is meeting a man who has carved an International reputation for himself and is primed to make a mint of money by touring the world as champion if he can win the belt tonight.

It is part of the plan of matchmaker Danny McShain to use his connections in the wrestling game to bring the top names in the sport here to Austin, which is the real reason why the Forum is able to start its wrestling career tonight with a world's title match.

O'Connor will go into the ring in top shape tonight. He will have to, he cannot afford to take chances with the Corsican who rates as rough, rugged and a real threat.



Pat O'Connor

CORSICA JOE CONFIDENT HE CAN WIN BELT!

Corsica Joe

If confidence can win a match then Corsica Joe is the next world's heavyweight champion because the barrel chested rough neck from the Island of Corsica doesn't see how he can even lose one fall to champion Pat O'Connor in their title match tonight.

"I have seen O'Connor wrestle," says Joe, "he is a good boy, but good boys do not make champions. He has no real experience. I have wrestled more than 10 years and in 22 countries, he cannot match this record. I have wrestled in his home country and was never beaten by a New Zealonder, and I will not be beaten by one tonight."

Joe has trained long and hard for tonight's chance. While he is confident he is no fool and his confidence is based on the fact that he is well trained, mostly by his brother Jean. The Corsica brothers, who hold the Texas state tag team title, decided that Joe, due to his superior weight, would be the man in the family who got the chance to face O'Connor.

Tonight's battle will be a clash of styles, the kind of a clash that produces plenty of action. O'Connor is fast, tricky and mostly scientific but Joe believes that there is more science in a foot in the face.

TONIGHT'S WRESTLING

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TAG TEAM SPECIAL ATTRACTION
(1 Fall to A Finish)

LUIS HERNANDEZ		TOSH TOGO
225 lbs., Mexico City		222 lbs., Tokyo, Japan
and	Vs.	and
PONCHO LOPEZ		ED SHARPE
208 lbs., Monterrey		225 lbs., Ontario, Can.

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SEMI-FINAL (2 Out of 3 Falls—45 Minute Time Limit)

ETHEL JOHNSON	Vs.	BABS WINGO
132 lbs., Nashville, Tenn.		145 lbs., New Orleans

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PRELIMINARIES (1 Fall — 15 Minute Time Limit)

LUIS HERNANDEZ Vs. ED SHARPE

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PONCHO LOPEZ Vs. TOSH TOGO

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NEGRO GIRLS COULD STEAL THE SPOTLIGHT FROM THE MEN!

Ethel Johnson

Ethel Johnson, the Texas state Negro girl's champion, will defend her coveted trophy against the attack of rough and rugged Babs Wingo of New Orleans in tonight's semi-final match and the two wrestlerettes could steal the spotlight right away from the men who are engaged in action on this first wrestling card at the Forum.

Ethel is a fast moving grappling machine who knows all the tricks. She has held the state Negro title ever since she first won it, as a matter of fact she is the only girl ever to hold the trophy which has seen some action-packed attempts to win it.

Babs is better known as the Hurricane from New Orleans and likes rough wrestling much better than the scientific approach to victory so this should be quite a battle before it is over.

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JOE'S BROTHER JEAN SURE TITLE WILL BE IN FAMILY!

Corsica Jean

The confidence expressed by Corsica Joe that he will whip world's champion Pat O'Connor tonight is echoed by one other man who believes he is in a position to know. That man is Corsica Jean, Joe's brother and tag team partner and the man who trained him for the big effort here at the Forum tonight.

Jean not only believes that his brother will win the belt but is already making plans to be his manager when he does.

"We Corsican people believe in sticking together and we always look on the family as one unit. When someone does something to one member of the family in Corsica he does it to every member. So when O'Connor meets Joe tonight he is facing me too. We have our plans and the world will see the most colorful champion of all times when it is held by one of the Corsica Brothers."

Mexican Wrestlers Join Forces In Promising Tag Team Match!

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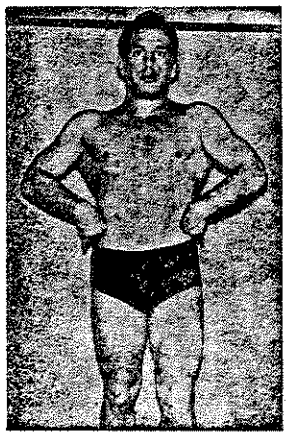


Pancho Lopez

Luis Hernandez

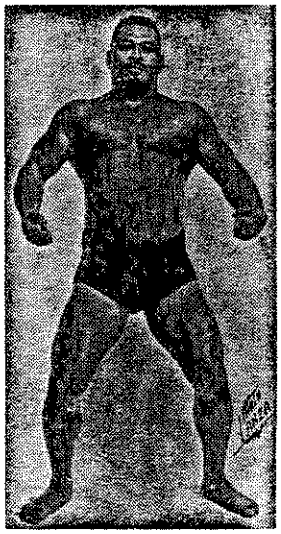
The all Mexican team of Poncho Lopez and Luis Hernandez will be out to demonstrate why they think they should get a crack at the world's tag team title when they meet Tosh Togo and Ed Sharpe in tonight's special event. The four way fracas has all the ear marks of a show stealer and could initiate some wild action in the course of its one fall to a finish limit.

Hernandez is the individual champion of the state of Texas in the heavyweight ranks and has been a sensation ever since he came from below the border close to two months ago. He is a youngster, not yet 20 years of age, but he has three years experience as a pro matman and shows an ability far beyond his years.

Poncho has made a lot of friends since he first came to Texas and is guided in his efforts here by Blackie Guzman the well known veteran of Mexican wrestling. Poncho is close to the junior heavyweight poundage and can go into either division with much success.

In their individual efforts which precede the big gang war, Poncho takes on the Japanese judo ace, Tosh Togo while Luis will have his hands full with Ed Sharpe.

Ed Sharpe



Tosh Togo

SHARPE AND JAP LOOK SHARP!

A combination of Oriental judo and catch as catch can rough house methods will team together when Ed Sharpe, the big English born Canadian joins forces with Tosh Togo who is considered by many to be the toughest expert ever to come out of Nippon into the American wrestling ranks.

Togo, a man who can break bricks with blows of his bare hands and uses the combined methods of karate, sumo and judo to score his vicious wins, is one of the most feared men in the game today. Sharpe comes from a wrestling family, he and his brothers have always done well in tag team competition and in single matches.

Whether their brand of co-operation can overcome the smooth working team play of their opponents remains to be seen . . . but while it is being learned we should have a whale of a lot of action.

Nick Kozak

HERE'S A STAR YOU'LL SOON SEE AND LIKE!

One of the men matchmaker Danny McShain is due to bring to Austin soon is Nick Kozak, the powerfully built athlete from the Western province of Canada, who holds the Pacific Northwest heavyweight crown.

"I saw Kozak when he first started in wrestling," said Danny, "and I earmarked him as a man who will go far in the wrestling game. It wasn't long after that when he became the champion of the Northwest and I have had my eye on him ever since. I know he will bring a brand of action to Austin that fans like, he is a clean cut youngster who would rather lift a bar bell than eat."

Kozak's record is a brilliant one and promoter Don Owens, who handles the destiny of the sport in Portland, Oregon, looks on Nick as the greatest prospect that the Northwest has ever produced.

One thing is certain . . . Nick is due to set a fine example to the youngsters of the community. He is a hard trainer who lives by the rules and believes in a brand of fair play that will make him an idol with the kids, and the grown ups too.

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"We have put a lot of money into the Forum to bring a good clean place for fans to visit, and we will put just as much money and effort into the promotion and the matchmaking to insure that this fine new building gets the greatest talent that this part of the country has ever seen."

Together the McShain's rattled off a list of the top names in the game who would soon see action here . . . Duke Keomuka, the Jap judo ace, Pepper Gomez, Rito Romero, Stu Gibson, the Original Zebra Kid, Moolah the world girl's champion, Angelo Martinelli, Luis Thesz, Nick Kozak and a host of others.

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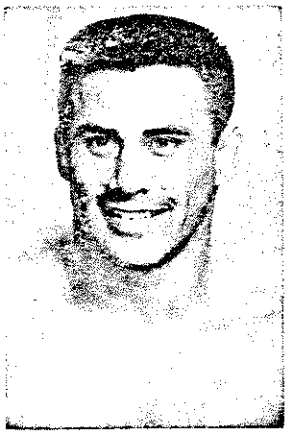

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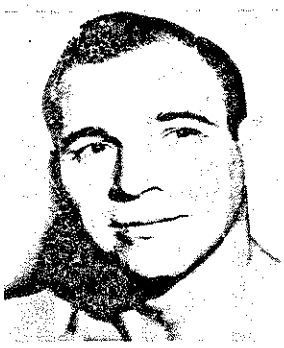

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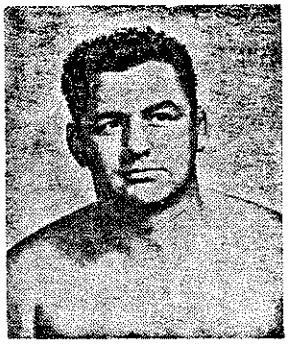

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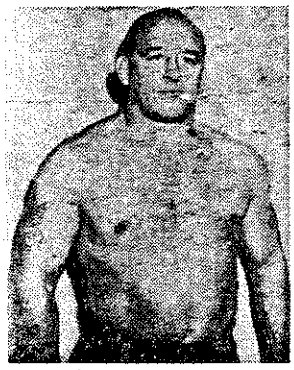
CAN FOTI, PARKS AND KIMM HALT THE "TERRIBLE THREE"

Week after week one question stands out in local wrestling fans' minds: Can opposing teams find a way to deal with the triple threat team of Jim LaRock, Chris and John Tolas? Last week brought some progress, but not much, for when the "Terrible Three" became more belligerently aggressive than ever, Lu Kimm went berserk, which made it necessary for the "Riot Squad" to go into action, thus ending the match as "No Contest".

Reg Parks, Lu Kimm and John Foti are confident that they have the one and only answer; and that is the use of bold, compelling, decisive action and unity?

That is seemingly plausible for it is certain that the Tolas Brothers and Jim LaRock favor a pell-mell approach and have plowed ahead heedless of individuals and their capabilities, to reach the top of the ladder in Edmonton, with a series of dazzling successes. Nonetheless, they have also employed "unity" and in tag team wrestling, unity is desperately needed to gain any measure of success.

We can be certain that both triple teams will be working with greater dedication and speed than ever in tonight's rematch and it will produce the type of thrilling action that every wrestling fan enjoys.



JACK O'REILLY

SCOTT BROS. RE-UNITED

Sandy Scott has finally arrived to join brother George Scott and when they step through the ropes tonight we can be assured of some fast and smooth wrestling action from this pair. George and Sandy Scott have stated that they are after "Big Game", particularly in the form of John and Chris Tolas, for they intend to gain the Western Canada Championship once again.

The Hanna Hurricane, Dave Ruhl, and the Kangaroo Kid, Jack O'Reilly, have pooled their rough resources and will attempt to deliver a volume of punishment against their opponents now and in future, and intend to prove that they can whip anything that runs, crawls or creeps.

One question that arises is this: What will they do about people who fly? And that is what the two Scott boys are capable of. So it should produce an interesting and exciting match.

THE SCOTT BROTHERS

RING HISTORY BY McCREADY

It is our privilege and pleasure to present a continuation of an article written by Earl McCready, one of the greatest Canadian matmen the sport has seen, which we started to reprint last week:

"The Roman Empire declined and fortunately the Pancratium with it. The Renaissance saw not only the revival of learning and the arts, but a renewed interest in wrestling as a sport. Crude forms of the present day science spread over the world, and during the reign of Henry the Eighth became the sport of Kings, although to be sure, the Kings did not do the work, but kept large groups of grapplers for their entertainment.

"From England the boom spread over the entire British Isles. The English featured the Lancashire, Cornish and Devonshire styles. The Irish followed a much rougher tech-

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If your courage has cracked here is a fine moment to banish the blues by considering the case of a handsome guy, six feet tall, with 235 pounds on a muscular build who answers to the name of Jim LaRock.

LaRock was a great Collegiate and Olympic wrestler, and became just as great a professional because he has always had plans and has never taken seriously any suggestions that he suppress the ones that hold sensible to him. Those plans are the main reason for his rough-house tactics in the ring. Habitually, he has dared to persist despite dire warnings and once he has made up his mind, he won't stop.

"Sure, this irks people who have other ideas," he exclaimed, "but this will lead me right to the Championship of the World; so why should I let anyone else run my life for me. Lou Thesz can get rough when he has to; Dick Hutton is rough by nature; and if roughness is what is needed to become champion, then I'm prepared to dish it out."

Jim LaRock does not deceive himself. When he wants something, he does not deny it, nor does he evade what it requires to achieve his objective. In a discontented world he is daring to do what seems logical to him and knows that direct action brings the right answers.

Definitely, Jim LaRock will continue to do what he thinks is right no matter what, and the courage of his convictions may get him just what he wants—a championship match in Edmonton — against Dick Hutton.

TOLAS BROTHERS

MORE STARS HERE SOON

As stated elsewhere in this program, Fritz Von Ulm and Fritz Von Erich, the German Bombers, will be here soon, and they are just two of the many proven stars who will be here within the next few weeks to make this a mighty big, really, really big year for wrestling in Edmonton each and every Tuesday night.

Danno O'Shocker, the Irish youngster who made such a big hit before, is scheduled to return next week and promises to use a colorful, crowd pleasing style in a manner that will amaze you. Tough Tiger Tomaseo and Chet Wallick will bounce into action and even a masked marvel is set to make an appearance.

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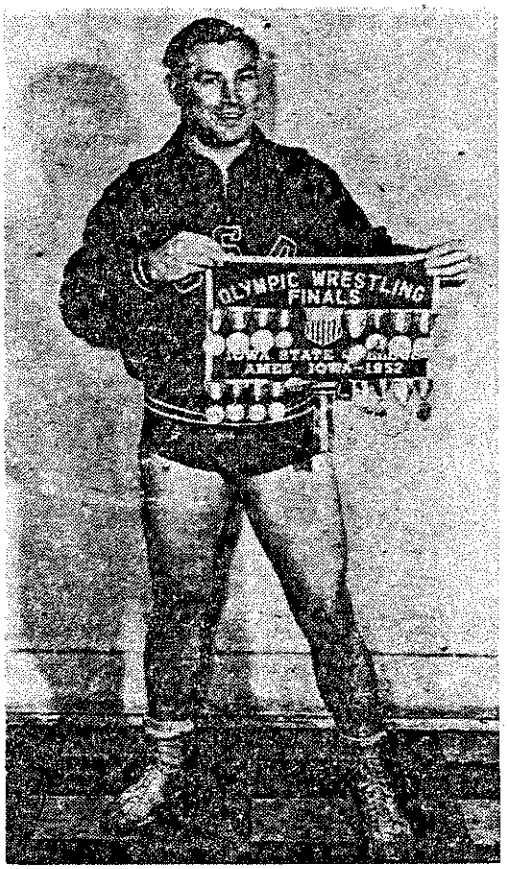

JIM LA ROCK

TRADIN' HOLDS . . .

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Q: "Is pro wrestling on the up-and-up? I think it is fake."

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GERMANS DUE HERE SHORTLY

Fritz Von Ulm and Fritz Von Erich will make an atomic tempered bow when they return to Edmonton shortly.

Advance reports indicate that the Germans have started a number of young riots in American rings, including a big-time rumble in Madison Square Garden, since they joined forces six months ago.

Von Erich and Von Ulm are both big men and that is part of their power. The other part of their power stems from the speed that is incredible in such big men; plus a willingness to get in and clout with their foes, that generally turns their battles into two-fisted free swinging slugfests that find the Germans at their best.

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nique, while the Scots favored the Lancashire form.

"On the Continent we see the French adopting the Greco - Roman style, permitting holds only from the waist up and barring tripping. The Germans worked from the feet up, doing all their grappling on the ground."

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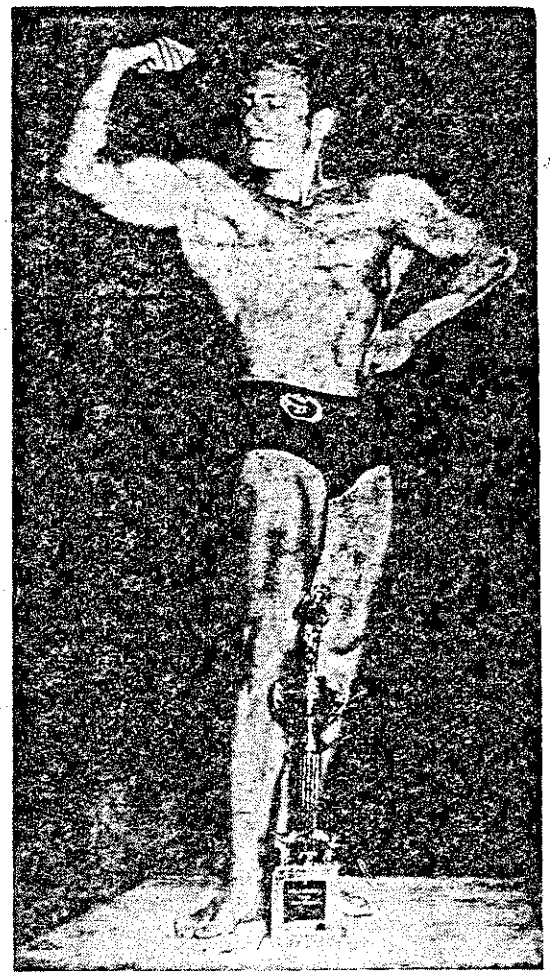

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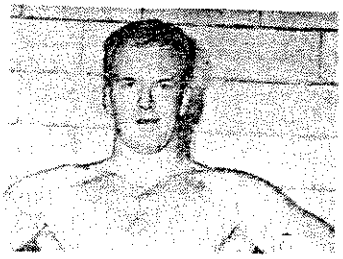

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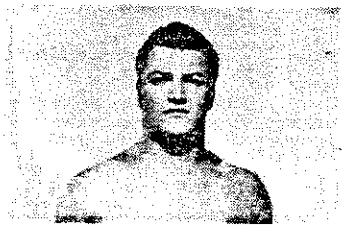

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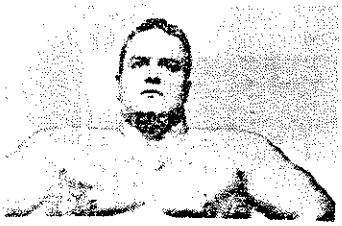

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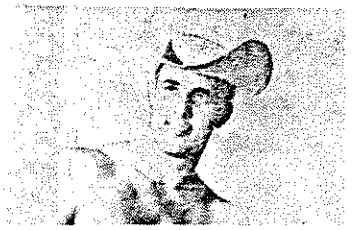

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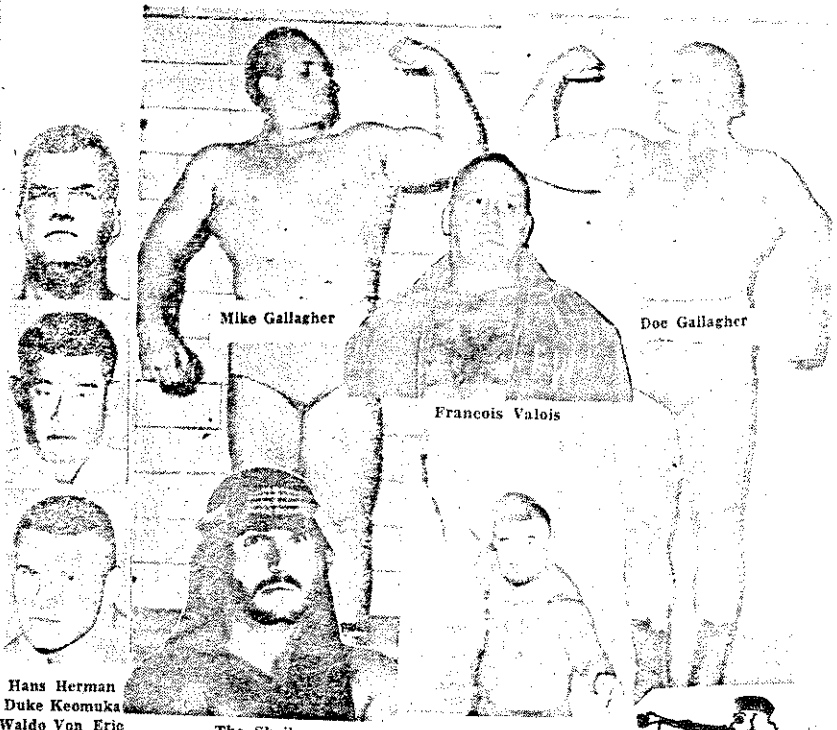

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By CHAS. LECCLIER

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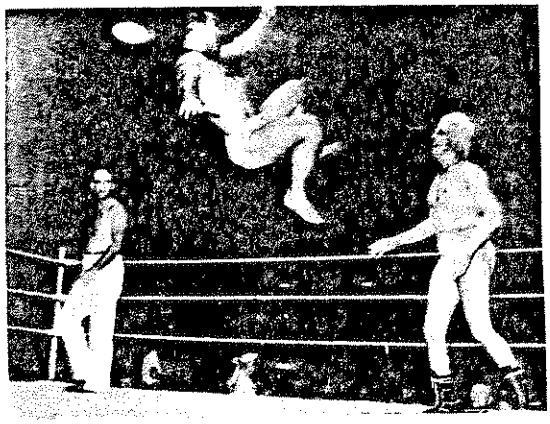

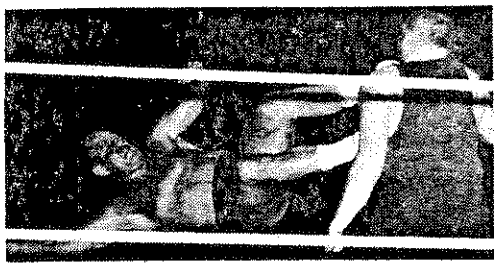

Dick Beyer made a mere zephyr out of Cyclone Smith as he levels the Canadian giant with one of the fastest drop-kicks in wrestling.

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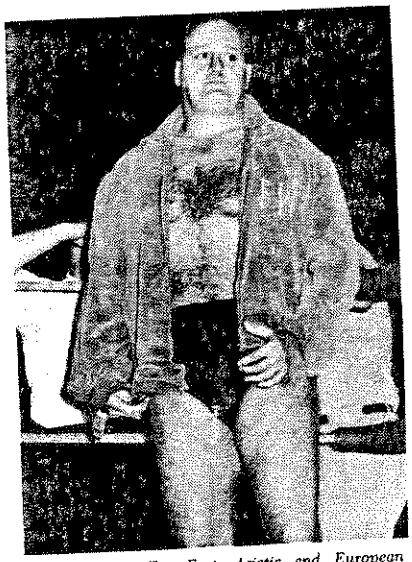

Frank Valois, Far East, Asiatic and European Champion who is on the trail of Champion Pat O'Connor for a title match.

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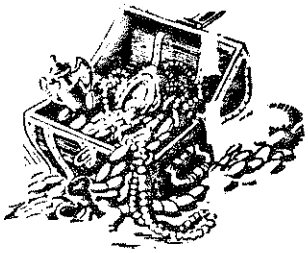

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FRANCOIS VALOIS

By EARLE YETTER

From across the Canadian border comes a fighting French-Canadian, Frank Valois, who was born in Montreal, and who can boast of an astounding mat record. He is hot on the trail of Pat O'Connor, whom he claims has been dodging him and apparently refuses to meet him in a title match.

When Frank started out in pro wrestling, he was a living example of the scientific approach to the sport. However, when he sustained injuries at the hands of some of his opponents, he decided that he would "pay them back in spades" for the inhuman treatment he suffered. So, Frank did an overnight transition from a nice guy to a deep-dyed villain, and today he is regarded as a wrestler with plenty of respect shown him by all of his opponents.

When asked why he wrestles so rough, Frank will tell you that there's no percentage in trying to wrestle according to the rules. "It took a broken leg, four cracked fingers, three fractured ribs and a shattered elbow to teach me that . . . and then they have the nerve to ask me why I wrestle so rough . . . I tell you if you try to wrestle clean most of the rough boys think you are a pansy . . . but when you give them back as much dirt as they heave your way, they begin to think twice about giving you the business, then they'll have respect and admiration for you."

That, in a nutshell, is the psychology of this daring French gladiator who has gained the reputation as one of the toughest guys on the mat. Today, he is regarded as one of the top challengers for the crown of Pat O'Connor.

Valois became a world traveler. In Europe, he wrestled Lou Thesz, who was then champion, to a one-hour draw. While there, he gained victories over such figures as Felix Miquet, Andre Drapp and Tarzan Zorro. In Hamburg, Germany, he won a tournament which lasted 30 days and became the International Champion. In another tournament in Japan which lasted 14 weeks he was the Far East Champion, and then continued his world tour against worthy opponents in Australia, New ealand, England, Belgium, Switzerland, Hawaii, after which he returned to cause plenty of havoc and mayhem in Canada, then New York State and Texas.

In Europe, Frank is still recognized as the Asian and Far East Champion and has cancelled another world tour so that he can follow Pat O'Connor in quest of a World Championship match. Some of his most exciting bouts have been against Don Leo Jonathan, Danny McShain, and former world champion Bobby Managoff.

Frank's hobbies include crossword puzzles. He does a little painting when the spirit moves him and for relaxation he likes the movies. To keep in god physical condition he takes regular workouts in the gym and indulges in a lot of handball. The latter pastime helps him to control his reflexes and co-ordination.

When the times comes that Pat O'Connor will eventually have to have a show-down with Frank for the World Championship, he is confident that he can take the title from O'Connor. The driving force behind this fighting Frenchman is wife and two daughters, 10 and 7 years old, respectively.

Here all four participants in the tag match were outside the ring. Fritz von Erich slams Mike Gallagher to the floor, while ringsiders shudder.

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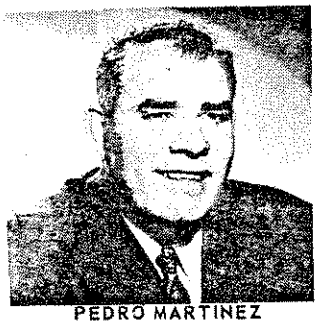

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Sato Keomuka Demonstrates Art Of Judo and Karate

By EARLE YETTER

When told by spectators that they did not believe he could break boards with the side of his hand, Sato Keomuka was adamant about the situation and demanded their attention so that he could demonstrate the art of judo and karate, as he had learned it in Tokyo, Japan.

Sato asked for the help of someone from the audience to hold the boards. When no one answered his call, Danno O'Shocker, who had wrestled in a previous boutt, came into the ring in street clothes to help out in the demonstration.

Danno held two one-inch boards waist-high. With a mighty swing Sato came down with the side of his right hand and hacked them neatly in two, to the amazement of the crowd. It was a dramatic display of judo as practiced in Japan. Now came two more boards of the same thickness which Sato said he would kick in two, as a demonstration of karate. After O'Shicker had placed them at the proper level, Sato gave them a boot with his bare foot and sent them flying across the ring.

Next Sato offered to allow O'Shocker to break a board over his head. Danno shook his brow in disbelief and though that Sato must have been joking. But Sato kneeled to the mat and told Danno to go ahead and break it over his head. Danno brought the piece of lumber down across the top of Sato's head and it split just as if it had been hacked with an axe.

Now Sato wanted to break a board over O'Shocker's head. For a few moments Danno hesitated but when the smirking Sato said: "You can do it the same as me, it is nothing," Danno decided to take a chance.

Danno knelt to the canvas and braced himself for the impact. Down came the board over Danno's head, but the blow knocked him out completely for five minutes. He required the attention of Seconds Frank Rogers and Paddy Newman several minutes to bring him back to consciousness.

While all this was going on, Bobo Brazil came into the ring and offered to allow Sato to break the board over his head. Bobo knelt on the canvas. But when Sato started to raise the board he turned the edge. Bobo looked up just in time and like a flash he thought discretiotn was the better part of valor and he called the whole thing off. "I've got a hard head," said Bobo, "but not that hard."

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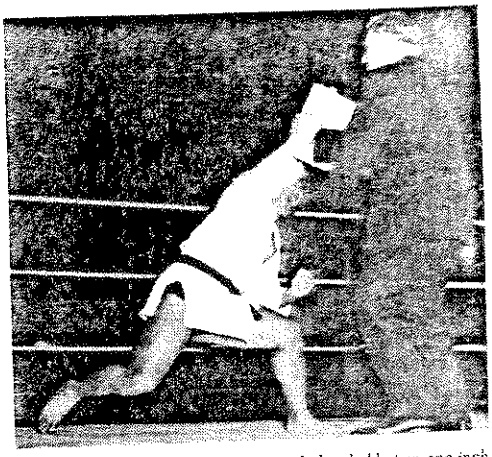

Wrestler Danno O'Shocker in street clothes holds two one-inch boards while Sato Keomuka breaks them in two with one of his mighty judo blows.

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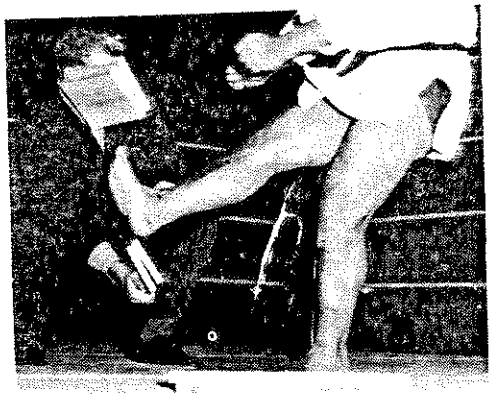

In a demonstration of karate, Sato kicks two boards apart with his bare foot. Note the pieces flying just inches from O'Shocker's face. This stunt is not recommended for in-grown toe-nails.

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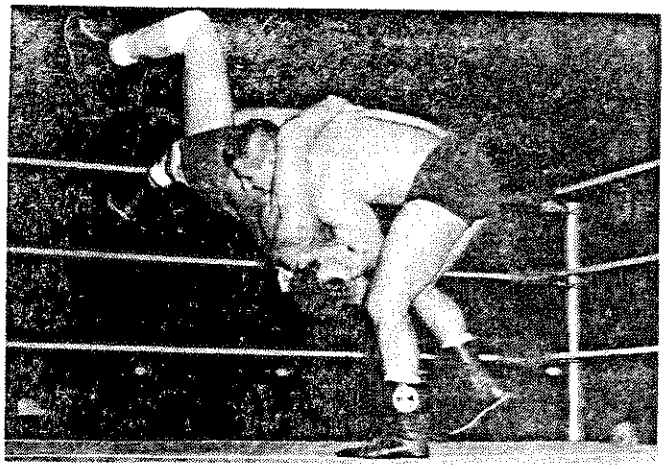

That up-and-coming toughie, Waldo Von Erich, initiating Billy Parks with a "Back-Breaker" and press.

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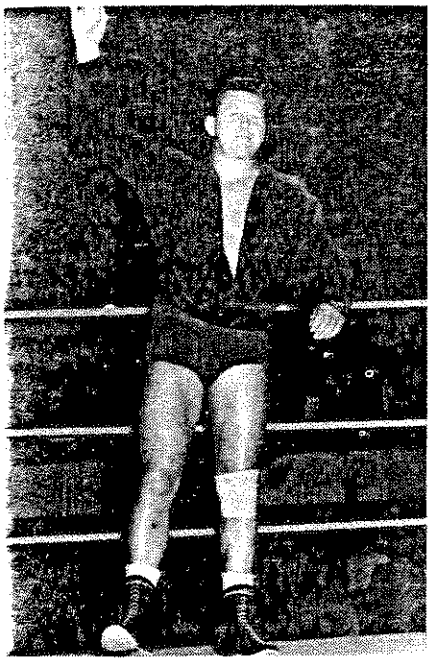

Smiling, handsome Billy Parks, Canadian newcomer, acknowledges the applause after his introduction.

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Down but not out: Carol Cook aides stunned partner, China Mira, back to mat.

BILLY PARKS

By EARLE YETTER

Northern Canada in the past has turned out many top-notch professional athletes and it is with pride that we introduce to you from North Bay one Billy Parks, 32 years old, 6' 1" and weighing 225 pounds.

Like most Canadian athletes, Billy participated in hockey and became so enthused over the hand-to-hand contact in that sport that he looked around toward other fields. He didn't have to look very far to find out that wrestling offered the same opportunity. Billy's brother, Herb, had been an outstanding amateur wrestler and later became a professional for twenty-five years.

One day Her btook Billy aside and said: "Look, Billy, if you really want to get individual competition in a sport, take up wrestling. It is going to mean a lot of work to get your body into the proper condition to withstand the assaults of your opponents. But, if you want to try it and you think it is worth while, it won't take you very long to make up your mind whether you like the sport or not."

Billy spent days and months on end in the gym and then decided to take a whirl in the simon pure (amateur) ranks. Herb's tutetlage could now be seen in Billy's maneuvers and it was apparent that Billy like the houtines he was now accomplishing with more than just a passing fancy. He became adept during his amateur career and hung up a splendid record. But, the lad wanted to be sure of himself and continued in the amteur ranks for four years.

With that splendid background, it was only natural that Billy would now turn his attention to the professional mat. He began his pro career in the hinterlands of Canada, but it wasn't long before he became recognized as an up-and-coming star.

During the war, Billy heard his country's call and like many other athletes served with honor in the Royal Canadian Air Force for four years, as a flight engineer. If he had any spare time during his stint in the service, he used it to study and learn more about wrestling.

With the war behind him, Billy returned and plunged right into the thick of his wrestling career. He went on a barnstorming trip through the U. S. In Chicago, he created a sensation with his spectacular maneuvers and his variety of holds. While his style is scientific, he generally has to revert to unorthodox routines when some of his opponents start to pile on the abuse.

He is a master of all the holds, but his specialty is one he calls "The Sunset Flip." When he uses that particular hold on an opponent, everyone but Billy is left wondering how it happened. He has been outstanding in bouts against Hans Schmidt and Verne Gagne. Like all better-than-average wrestlers his objective is the World Championship. Billy Parks has the knowledge, the stamina, the intelligence, and, above all, the fighting heart that it requires to become a champion.

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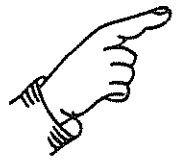

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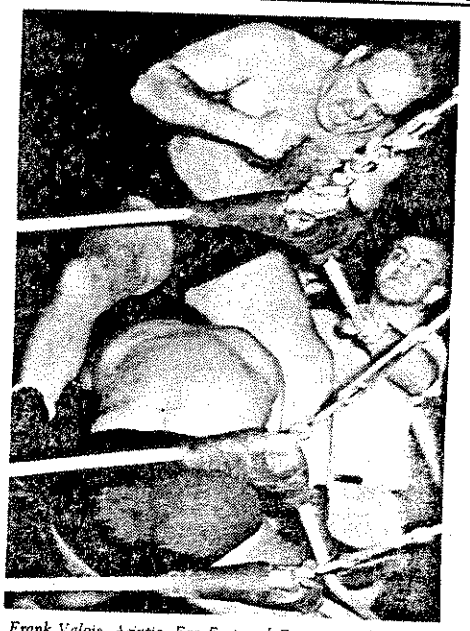

Frank Valois, Asiatic, Far East and European Champion, whaling away at hapless Danno O'Shocker in a corner as Referee Joe Muscato counts for a break.
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This is Ilio Di Paolo and Fritz von Erich leaving the ring.
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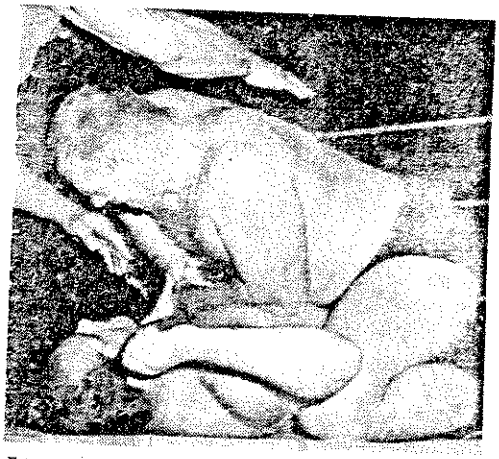

Fritz von Erich clamps his "Claw-Hold" on struggling Mike Gallagher.
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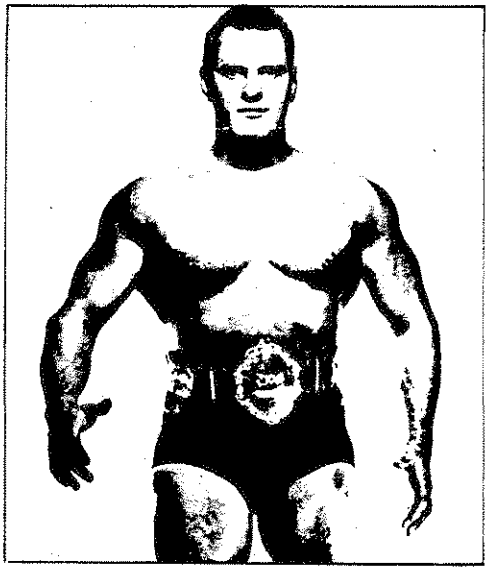

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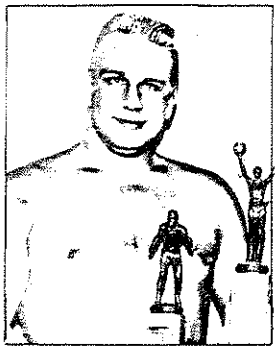

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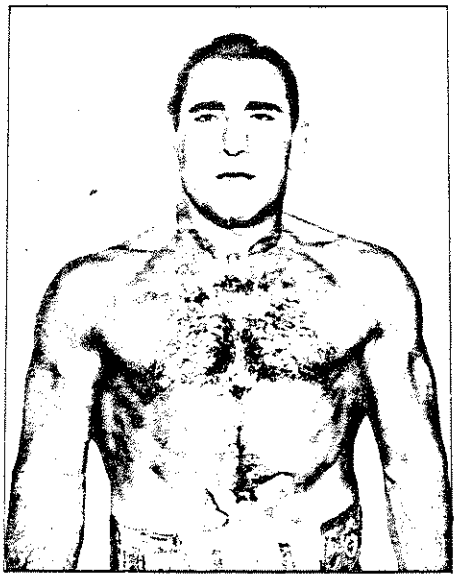

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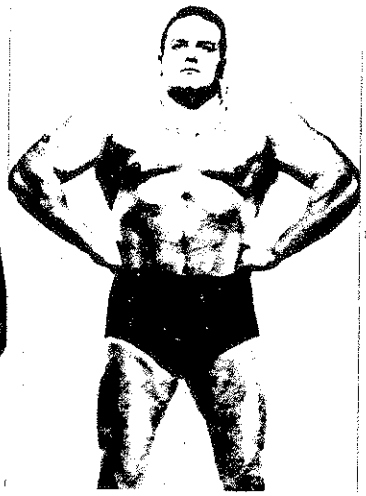

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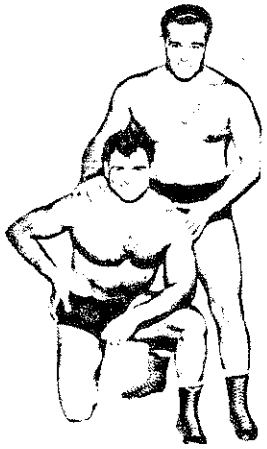

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Unfortunately, for Ray, he took on the Oriental Savage, Tojo Yamamoto. Today, because of the Jap, Ray's wrestling future is in doubt. It happened like this:

Ray had a stepover toe hold on the Jap. Tojo kicked Ray

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NEW STANDINGS IN HALL OF FAME

In order to expedite the tabulation of Hall of Fame votes, we are asking you who have already nominated your favorite wrestlers to receive this honor, to do so again using the form on P. 4. The letters we are receiving are written in many different styles and forms. Some are on postcards, some in letters that deal with a great many subjects and some are written in such a manner that they are not readable. We have also received many phone calls naming a favorite wrestler. PLEASE USE THIS FORM WHEN NOMINATING YOUR FAVORITE TO THE RINGSIDER HALL OF FAME. ALSO, PLEASE DO NOT ENCLOSE YOUR MYSTERY WRESTLER ENTRY IN THE SAME ENVELOPE. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY AND ANSWER THE MAIL THAT REQUIRES ANSWERS WITHOUT SORTING OUT VARIOUS ENTRIES FOR VARIOUS

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The mails often bring Your Ringsider a lot of news and sometimes a laugh or two. This week brought both. We received a communique from the articulate, Shakespeare quoter, Shakespeare misquoter, and manager of the Kangaroos, Wild Red Berry, informing us that he and his former champions, "do not recognize Graham and Steinborn

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STEINBORN & GRAHAM

Tonight's card will be topped with a tag team match pitting the popular, newly crowned United States Tag Team Champions, Eddie Graham and Dickie Steinborn against the Oriental Savages, Tojo Yamamoto and Taro Myaki.

These Japs have not lost a match, by being pinned, since they joined forces in this country, and have proven that they can handle themselves against some pretty tough opposition. Tonight, we think they will meet more than their match in the new champs.

Also on tonight's card will be an array of international talent. In addition to the U. S. Champs and Japanese stars, the Puerto Rico champions, Tito & Rito Carreon, will be in action.

The Carreons will appear in separate matches tonight, as Tito faces Spain's firey competitor, Jan Madrid and Rito takes on newcomer Paul DeGaulle, a rough and ready guy from La-Verne, France.

Spain's sensational Juan Sebastian, a second newcomer to the local scene, will tackle the former star of the Bastein Brothers, Lou Bastein.

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into the ropes and rushed him. Before he could contact him, Ray grabbed his leg again, but part of his body was outside the ropes.

The referee demanded a break and Ray complied. Tojo immediately grabbed Villmer's leg, and tangled it in the rope and stomped and kicked it. When the referee finally got Yamamoto away, Ray was unable to stand on his feet. Tojo attacked him again and was finally taken bodily from the ring by three wrestlers.

X-rays confirmed what everybody suspected, Ray's leg was broken.

As we said, Ray's wrestling future is still uncertain.

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IDENTIFY THIS WRESTLER

Identify this matman and win two tickets to next week's wrestling matches. You must send your answer to Mystery Wrestler, c/o Chris Dundee, 1700 Washington Ave., Miami Beach, Florida.

In this week's contest, and for the future, we are publishing an entry blank for you to use in naming the Mystery Wrestler. The first two letters with the earliest postmarks and the correct name on this entry blank will receive their tickets in the mail. Be sure to include your address and the other information on the blank.

No one named our Mystery Wrestler of last week, who was

PAT SHERRY

MYSTERY WRESTLER

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Two Of Tonight's Stars

Two communiques from our informants reached us this week concerning two of the stars on tonight's card. One must have been written by the wrestler himself, for we would not say such things about the wrestler this first story concerns.

The fabulous Jan Madrid is one of the most handsome, daring and vicious men ever to enter a wrestling ring.

"My ability to wrestle is astounding. Upon my entrance to the ring elegantly arrayed in beautiful luxurious robes and jackets, my superb showmanship is never to be forgotten."

Jan Madrid, better known as "THE BODY BEAUTIFUL," is known the country over for his ability to converse on radio and appear on T.V. speaking mainly of himself and degrading everyone else.

The cutie of the "MAT WORLD" is also known for vicious riots he has created in turn motivating much interest and arousing "superlative enthusiasm."

It has been said by many wrestling promoters that Madrid is one of the greatest drawing cards of today.

The great "Spainard" who hails from "Barcelona, Spain," and tips the scales at 210 lbs., boasts of his "beautiful body" and artistic style of wrestling. He attributes his success to the fact that wrestling is an 'art," and one must be intellectural, as well as physically capable to be a "MASTER" in the "WRESTLING PROFESSION."

JAN MADRID

PAUL DEGAULLE

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"Furious Frenchy" is a term that can be best used to describe Paul DeGaulle, a red-haired devil from LaVerne, France.

"I cannot understand why zee people do not like me," said Paul. "After all, I am beautiful, strong, have pearly white teeth, my hair is naturally curly, I have a wonderful body and I am zee best wrestler in the world."

DeGaulle tips the scales at 215 pounds and has defeated all the best men in France, Germany, and England, before coming to the United States.

The minute "Furious Frenchy" steps into the ring, the fans begin cheering his opponent. Mussing up his pretty hair is a favorite pasttime of his foes and fans alike.

Paul is a guy who goes into the ring with one ambition, and that is to win. He has his eye on the world's title to add to his other belts. A few years back he held the New England Junior Heavyweight title, and the Northwest Tag Team Championship.

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VS.

TOJO YAMAMOTO & TARO MYAKI

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Winner:..... Time:..... Hold:.....

Winner:..... Time:..... Hold:.....

One Fall — 45 Minutes Time Limit

TITO CARREON

VS.

JAN MADRID

Winner:..... Time:..... Hold:.....

One Fall — 30 Minutes Time Limit

RITO CARREON

VS.

PAUL DEGAULLE

Winner:..... Time:..... Hold:.....

One Fall — 30 Minutes Time Limit

LOU BASTEIN

VS.

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Por: EMILIO ARECHAEDERRA.

Eddie Graham y Dickie Steinborn, los nuevos campeones de relevo de Estados nidos, tienen en sus manos dos tipos de lucha: esta noche frente a los nipones Tojo Yamamato y Taro Myaki y por algun tiempo frente a la resistencia de los Canguros que han apelado a todos los organismos de lucha de Estados nidos contra la decision miamense que los despojó del titulo norteamericano. Los Canguros seguiran utilizando su título de campeones en sus viajes por el mundo, creando un problema legal a los nuevos campeones. La situacion no se decidirá hasta que los organismos se pongan de acuerdo y esto es difícil porque hay tres asociaciones y rara vez estan de acuerdo.

Pero mientras se ventila esta cuestion de jurisprudencia luchística Graham y Steinborn hacen frente a la amenza nipona concentrada en dos luchadores que han logrado barrer con toda la oposicion que han encontrado en la Florida, especialmente en Miami Beach. La ventaja de los nipones es enorme porque incorporan a su catalogo de crudas llaves y crueles tácticas, los secrfetos del judo y si se les permitiera llegar a extremos podrian apelar al peligroso jiu jitsu. Eddie y Dickie solo dominan lais llaves aceptadas en las reglamentacilones occidentales de la lucha libre. Tienen, claro, su arsenal de agresivas tácticas para combatir el terror de los japoneses, que incluyen los golpes de boxeo y las maniobras futbolísticas de los tackles, aplicadas a la lucha.

El catalogo de triquiñuelas orientales empleadas por los nipones lucen, a simple vista, superiores a los recursos de Graham y Steinborn pero con un analisis a fondo llegamos a la conclusion de que el arsenal de los occidentales dispone de efectividad destructora y de capacidad para neutralizar las formulas de los japoneses. Tojo y Taro subiran al ring esta noche con la ventaja de ser mas feroces y de llevar a su trabajo una taimada astucia para aprovechar los momentos de descuido de sus rivales y del árbitro. Eddie y Dickie suben al cuadrilatero con el dinamismo de la juventud y con una ventaja básica que es la rapidez de movimiento.

Esta noche seran presentados en combates distintos los hermanos Carreon. Tito contra Jan Madrid, un villanazo de ley. Y Rito frente a Paul de Gaulle, un frances que lleva el patronimico del hombre fuerte de Francia.

Lou Bastein contra el español Juan Sebastian, de Barcelona, abren el programa que tiene esta semana un genuino matiz internacoinal con japoneses, norteamericanos, puertoriquenos, unf rances, un español y un descendiente de portugueses.

NOTA: Como siempre, habra dos mil asientos a un dolar. Aviso a los fanaticos: Para participar en el concurso del Ringsider Hall de la Fama y en la identidad del luchador, sera necesario usar el cupón que aparece en este programa. Los votos y el texto que no se usen con el cupon no seran válidos.

HALL OF FAME . . .
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CONTESTS. Don't prevent your favorite matman from winning this award by not sending his name in on the requested form. If you already have nominated one man and wish to nominate more, please use a separate form for each nomination.

During the past two weeks votes and nominations naming Dickie Steinborn to the Hall of Fame have been pouring in. The popular matman is still far behind the leaders. Lots of fans have put Nick Kozak's name on the rolls and he also is gaining plenty of votes.

STANDING TO DATE:

	votes
EDDIE GRAHAM	146
LENNY MONTANA	116
SAUL WEINGROFF	98
RAY VILLMER	93
DICKIE STEINBORN	89
TITO CARREON	84
THOR HAGEN	62
NICK KOZAK	58
IKE EAKINS	28
JOE HAMILTON	24

NEW CHAMPS . . .
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as the Champions due to the fact the peroxide blonds did not tag one another when Graham jumped into the ring to pin Roy Hefferman."

We will not bore you with the balance of Berry's long-winded letter but in effect Berry says that he will appeal the decision to the "Supreme Court of Wrestling, the Board of Directors of the National Wrestling Assn.

Whether Mr. Berry carries out his promise to appeal or not, we do not know nor do we care. Your Ringsider, for one, saw the tag that gave Eddie and Dickie the Championship, and I'll tell the National Wrestling Alliance. How about you?

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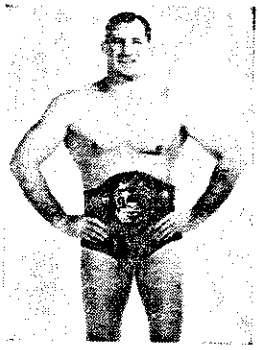

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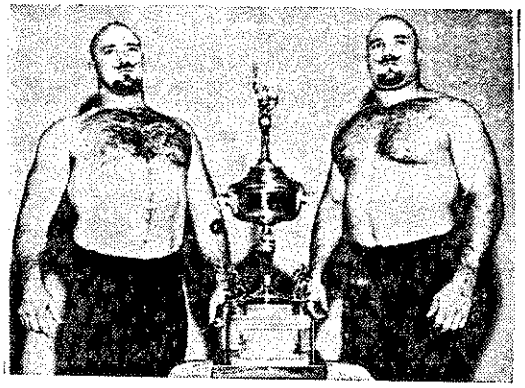

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Galento In Opener

The heaviest wrestler in the world, a whole seven hundred, eighty pounds, makes his debut here tonight!

Happy Humphrey, who must undoubtedly be one of the largest men in the entire world, will be featured in tonight's Main Event against rough Mike Paidousis. Paidousis is almost undefeated here, having run rough-shod over all opposition since his return a couple of months ago, and should show as well as anyone against this big man.

"How can he wrestle?" "How can a man get close enough to him to wrestle?" These are questions in the minds of local fans, and will be answered tonight when these two get together.

Humphrey has been much in demand through the Mid-West recently, around Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio, and is rated as very tough, in spite of his size and weight.

Two Great Semi-Finals

Opening tonight's all-star card will be a great semi-final bout, featuring the rowdy Mario Galento, who returned last week after a long absence. His bout caused fans to nearly riot. He has been drawing great crowds in the South and Southwest for a long time, and was highly unpopular with his defeat of Guy Mitchell last week.

Galento will have a tough assignment tonight as he meets Doug Lindsay, also quite popular and a great favorite here.

Galento is the father of the pretty Miss Barbara Galento, who won the 5-girl Rassle Royal here last month.

Taro Sakuro, the new hated Jap, will be on hand tonight, against popular Jerry Miller. Miller has toured Georgia, Florida, and Texas, since his leaving here a year ago.

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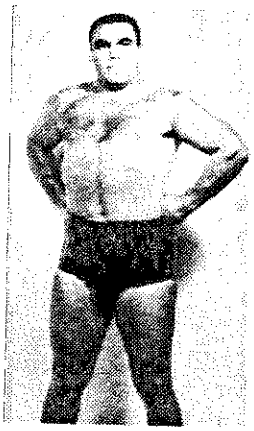
TARO SAKURO



MIKE PAIDOUSIS

NEW TAG TEAM FACES KOVACS

A new brother team makes the scene tonight in the local wrestling arena, in the person of a rough and rowdy Mexican team, Al and Tony Gomez. Al appeared here two weeks ago against Steve Kovac, losing the match.

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SEMI-FINALS—

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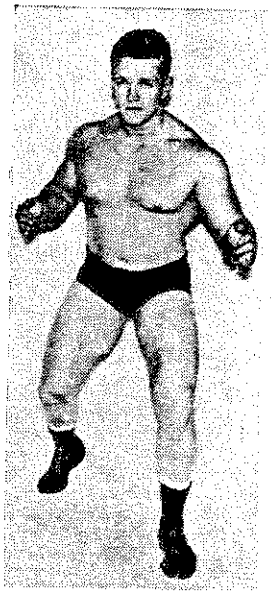
Sakuro has inspired local fans to near mayhem with his ritual. Last Monday night, he added to his usual ceremony an explosion, causing smoke to rise over the ring, and form a beautiful circle, some-



DOUG LINDSAY

what on the order of a halo over him. Hated though he may be, he is clever and Miller will have his hands full.

Sakuro lifted the Southern Junior Heavyweight title from Don Greene at Chattanooga last Thursday night. This title, however, will not be at stake tonight.

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SEMI-FINAL

TARO SAKURO (Japan) VS **JERRY MILLER**

SEMI-FINAL

MARIO GALENTO (Orange, N. J.) VS **DOUG LINDSAY** (South Bend, Ind)

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STEVE KOVAC

NEW TAG TEAM—

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Tonight, both Al and Steve are bringing their brothers with them, to make up what might well turn out to be the wildest tag battle ever seen here.

Steve and Sandor Kovac have become one of the most popular teams in the country, and one of the best to appear here in years. They have been riding a winning streak in tag matches in the South for about three months. Any team taking them on must have what it takes, or be greatly over-confident!

The Gomez team, appearing for the first time, come highly recommended as one of the top rough Mexican teams to show here. With a combined weight of 460 lbs., they hail from Juarez, Mexico. They should provide some of the wildest excitement seen here for a long, long time.

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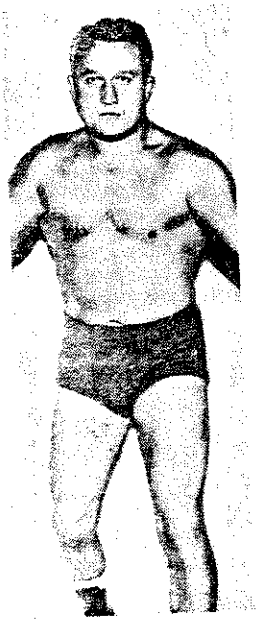

SANDOR KOVAC

Congratulations to Promoter Buddy Lee, Columbia, South Carolina, on his new program. Quite newsy and attractive!

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IT HAPPENED LAST WEEK . . .

We've heard an awful lot of comment on last week's matches from you fans. Most say they were the best we have had in years. More action, more suspense, finer wrestling, and mostly, the final result—Paidousis and Gypsy defeated!

Mike and the Gypsy have done well, but are a little rough to suit the usual fan. They're always screaming that Gypsy is using a ring to rub the opponent's eyes. Well, it seems Sandor and Steve Kovac were just what was needed to put a cork in this kind of meanness!

With veteran Charlie Keene as referee, Sandor took Gypsy Daniels for a loss in the first fall with a figure four clutch, to have Steve return in the second and down Paidousis with a body scissors.

Taro Sakuro added another win to his long list, downing Frankie Cain with Judo Chops, then with a claw hold, in two straights, Danny Duske, referee.

Both preliminary bouts were exciting, as Jan Madrid, new Spanish star, took Jack Welch, in the first, and young Guy Mitchell took his first loss, via Mario Galento.

Galento had not been seen here for some time and was new to many of the fans. Long haired, and wild, he used hair-pulling, eye-gouging, and any other means he could put over on Referee Bob Holland. Biting Guy's hand, he drove Guy to the floor many times. His final count was by way of a neckbreaker.

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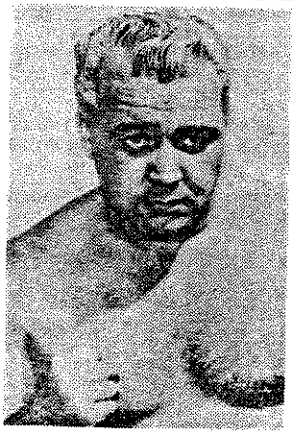

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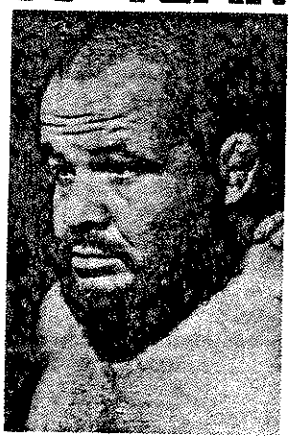

Tough Tony Borne

LOUIE TILLET AND TONY BORNE READY TO TANGLE WITH WILD BULL AND NICK KOZAK

A tag team match with all of the ingredients for the match of the year will be unreeled next Monday night at the North Side Coliseum.

This brawl . . . and that's what it's sure to be . . . will send Louie Tillet and Tough Tony Borne against Wild Bull Curry and Nick Kozak.

The Red Hot Tillet, who last Monday won the Tournament of Champions and with it the right to meet Lou Thesz for the World Heavyweight title, minced no words in choosing Tony Borne as his partner for the tag team affair.

"There is no question but what Tony and I will make up the toughest tag team combination in the world," Tillet said. "Borne likes Curry no better than I do and so far as I know no one likes Nick Kozak. We will take these two bums apart!"

Tillet also agreed for Leo The Lion Newman to serve as coach for the Borne-Tillet team.

Nick Kozak

"That Tillet is mart," shouted Leo. "When he picked my boy Borne he chose the best wrestler in the Nation. And when he picked me to manage the team he cinched a victory right there!"

Wild Bull Curry

There was no hesitation about Curry when he was asked to select his partner for the match. He immediately named Nick Kozak with this statement:

"There is no question but what Nick is one of the great real wrestlers of today. In addition to that he is double tough and fears no man. He can get just as mean as the next fellow when it's necessary and you can take it from me Nick and I will have to get mean next Monday night against those two louses!"

And Curry knows whereof he speaks. The Bull and Tillet staged two of the bloodiest battles in the history of the coliseum recently and Curry and Borne have been battling each other to the wire

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PROMOTOR FINDS REAL MAN–McKINLEY PICKENS–TO FACE TOUGH ERNIE LADD

Since last Monday night Promoter R. G. McElyea has been looking for a man . . . a real man . . . to pit against Ernie Ladd, the 6'9", 325 pound gridder-wrestler who is cutting a wide swath these days in wrestling circles.

Reason for the search is that last week the big negro, who plays a lot of football for the San Diego Chargers during the Fall and Winter, disposed of Tiger Conway in exactly two minutes. Conway, rated as an excellent wrestler, was simply no match for Ladd.

Results of the matchmaker's search is that he came up with McKinley Pickins, a whale of a wrestler who tips the beams at 300 pounds and should be a match for any man.

Pickins will meet Ladd in a special one fall to a finish event that should shake the rafters of the North Side Coliseum.

If you ever want to find McKinley Pickins in Houston, go to the 5th Ward and ask for the Prince.

Everyone knows who the Prince is and there can be no mistake. It is McKinley Pickins.

A giant of a man in every sense of the word, McKinley Pickins just naturally stands out from

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The Woman's Angle

By Betty Brewster

(The following human interest story on big Ernie Ladd, the fellow who won his first Fort Worth match in just about two minutes last Monday night, was taken from the Houston Chronicle.)

If you run across Ernie Ladd having breakfast, don't expect to see the 320-pound football playing wrestler eat a dozen eggs, a steak and drink a couple of quarts of milk.

The Orange, Texas, native doesn't do that anymore.

"My rookie year (with the San Diego Chargers) I did," Ernie

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The Woman's Angle—

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says, "The stories were not too exaggerated. I weighed 275 to 280 when I left Grambling and eating like that I gained to 320."

Ernie Ladd

But Ladd says he has to watch himself now because he doesn't think another 25 or 30 pounds would be good for him either in football or wrestling.

"I usually eat two meals a day," he said. "I'm hungry a lot of the time, but you have to give up some things."

Ladd took up the grappling game at the encouragement of ex-wrestler Sammy Stein in San Diego. Sammy told him at the close of the last football season he was sure Ernie could be a big hit.

After a couple of months of working with Sammy, the powerful Ernie launched his career.

"I've had about 15 or 20 matches," Ladd said Saturday. "I've won them all." Ladd's brief exposure in the mat game has convinced him he would like to hang around quite a while. But he wants to mix it with football for at least a couple of more years.

"There are a good many wrestlers making better than $50,000 a year," he says. "At least a dozen, maybe a lot more."

Ladd figures that at the top of the heap a wrestler might earn $100,000 to $150,000 a year.

Ernie, who is 6 feet 9 inches tall, says that at Wallace High School in Orange he was considered a better basketball player than football player.

"I made all-state in basketball," he recalled. "My best game I scored 60 points." Sports are his main outside interest now, aside from his own professional career, he says. "I like to be around athletics; I go to basketball games, a lot of things."

He does play chess. "I like to play chess whenever I can find a game," Ernie revealed.

Ladd blames last year's disappointing season for the Chargers to injuries. "We had nine key injuries, and that will hurt any team."

He believes with Tobin Rote and John Hadl to play quarterback and with the team escaping crippling injuries, the Chargers should win the Western Division "going away."

As for some of the personnel in the league, Ernie says Curtis McClinton of Dallas is the hardest runner. "He hits the line like a charging rhinoceros," Ladd said. He will take Abner Haynes as the best all-around back in the league but says Billy Cannon has the most talent and could be the best back in pro football "if he really wanted to."

Ladd says Bob Talamini of the Houston Oilers is the toughest blocker for him to get through. "He just keeps hustling, he won't give up."

Ernie says the people in Houston like to remember that block Hogan Wharton threw on him two years ago.

"I had to have the knee operated on," Ladd said. "It was a perfect legal block; he just blindsided me."

Would he like to get even? "No," Ladd answered pleasantly. "That's the game—I don't want any revenge."

"I was on television the other night and somebody yelled 'look out, there comes Hogan' and I pretended to duck—it gives them a kick for me to go along with the gag."

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McKINLEY PICKENS vs. **ERNIE LADD**

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Killer Joe Christy

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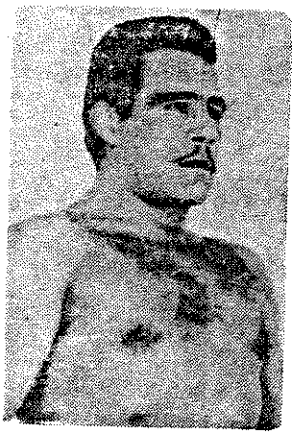
The "Killer" who does his utmost to live up to his nickname, has run into a little trouble of late dropping a couple of close matches. Prior to these losses he had compiled an impressive string



Alejandro Cruz

of victories. He is now on his way back and has blood in his eye for all opponents.

"I tried being a little kind to a couple of these punk wrestlers and as a result I lost a couple of matches," he explained. "Christy is going to be his old mean self from now on and everybody had better watch out. Especially this Mexican called Cruz whom I am going to beat to a pulp next week!"

Cruz in his two appearances here has made an excellent showing and he promises to be a top flight grappler in no time. He staged a great exhibition against Tony Borne two weeks ago and last week it was only through a quirk of fate that he lost to Danny McShane. He has shown just why he is called the Human Rocket.

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his fellow men. He is big, all 285 pounds of him, he is genial and he is powerful.

On the powerful side Pickins

McKinley Pickins

points to the fact that he had a rough upbringing to give credit.

"Just because I was big everyone tried to whip me to prove they were tough. I whipped every one I could find and then they decided to take me on in pairs and even in gangs," explained Pickins. "It was rough stuff, but it got to be a game; everyone tried to whip me and nobody did."

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Louie Tillet—

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for the past several months.

Just to make the love and kisses unanimous between teammates Kozak said that he "was more than happy" to side with Bull in the tag team main event affair.

"I got a taste of that Tillet last Monday and I want another shot at that fellow," said Nick. "We battled to a draw but he won the match on a flip of a coin. There won't be any coin flipping next Monday but you can believe me I am going to flip that Frenchman!"

And so the stage is set for a real gang war between four of the toughest wrestlers around.

Fort Worth Mat Fan Is Mystery Winner

The winner of last week's mystery wrestler contest was Mr. Lee Barajas, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Barajas correctly identified Juan Humberto and will find two ringside tickets waiting in his name at the Coliseum box office.

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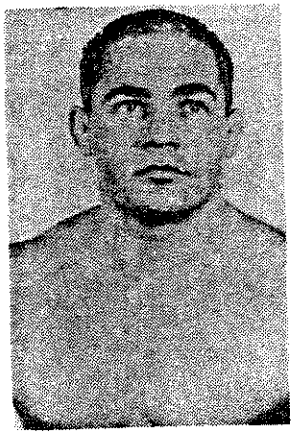

Gordon Nelson

HAWK vs. NELSON; MACIAS vs. WEAVER

A prelim card that goes well with top main events will be presented next Monday night at the North Side Coliseum.

Rip Hawk, a real block buster in wrestling circles, will square off against Newcomer Gordon Nelson. Gordon gave Louis Tillet a great scrap last Monday before losing on a disqualification.

In the other prelim Gorilla Macias will tangle with Johnny Weaver. Weaver is the fellow who went to the finals against Louie Tillet in the tournament of champions last Monday. This should be a real scrap.

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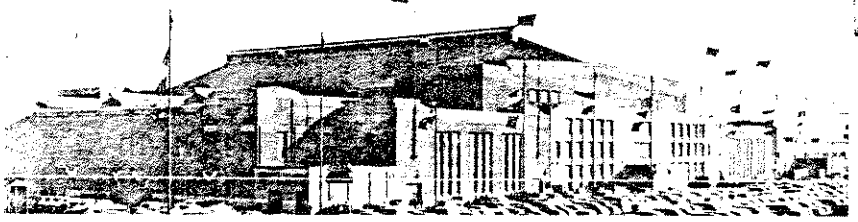


FRED KOHLER PROMOTER

WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL WRESTLER, ART THOMAS TO STOP THE BRUISER

"Double Cross!" shouted Dick the Bruiser when he discovered he had signed to wrestle the sensational and strongest man in the world Seaman Art Thomas in the all star show, Saturday, December 12th, in the International Amphitheatre.

'The Bruiser' had signed a blank contract with Promoter Fred Kohler to wrestle on the December 12th card. Dick figured there were no top stars available at that time and he would be meeting an average foe.

Instead, in a shrewd manner, Kohler contacted Thomas and got his signature on the dotted line to meet Dick the Bruiser. Thomas who has the power to break a foe in half, has been gunning for 'The Bruiser'.

"I don't want any part of that guy," yelled Dick the Bruiser, "he's one of those powerhouse guys, who has never had his shoulders pinned to the mat."

'The Bruiser' is so right. He knows he can't bulldoze or bluff Thomas. The Seaman's terrific record proves this fact. Thomas who weighs 265 pounds is all muscle and courage. He stands six feet, four inches in height and has four years of experience in the mat world to back up his terrific physique.

'The Bruiser' states, "I'll go to the Athletic Commission to break this contract. It was made with deceit and fraud!"

Kohler knows the contract is legal and furthermore declares that Dick the Bruiser will have to put up his title and titlebelt in the match. Art Thomas informed Kohler that there will be no need for two referees in this match.

"I can take care of myself and curb any of 'The Bruiser's' rough tactics," exclaimed Thomas, "I have wrestled every top star in the sport and Dick the Bruiser is just another wrestler as far as I am concerned. He has nothing but rough action in his make-up. He has no science and little ability."

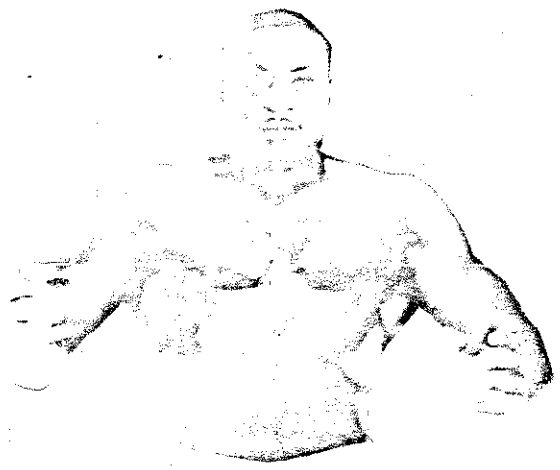
Thomas is a native of Madison, Wisconsin. He is thirty-four years of age and uses his 265 pounds in the ring to wear down a foe and eventually pin him. The negro heavyweight who has a chest expansion of 54 inches is an all around athlete and several times won a Mr. Wisconsin contest in his own state.

Seaman Art Thomas is no stranger to Chicago fans. He has won time and again in the Amphitheatre and in the White Sox ball park in several of Promoter Fred Kohler's gigantic outdoor shows. His courage and cool attitude in the ring will be a great asset in the match with Dick the Bruiser because of the excitable and tempestuous actions of his rival.

The December 12, card is a 'dream-show' as far as the fans are concerned. It brings together the nationally rated heavyweights never before seen in the Amphitheatre.

One great star is Big Bill Miller, former Ohio State football and wrestling star who will be teamed with Wilbur Snyder against the stone Von Brauner Brothers (Kurt and Karl). The Von Brauner Brothers will have their manager Saul Weingeroff in their corner to do the master minding. He is credited with much of their success. The Von Brauner Brothers were outstanding in their recent bout in the Amphitheatre when they clashed with Kit Fox and Roy Gordon.

One of the greatest matches on the card will be a battle between Pat O'Connor and Golden Moose Clodak.



SEAMAN ART THOMAS

World's Strongest Man

Seaman Art Thomas has been named the World's strongest man by many in the Physical Education field. His chest expansion of 54 inches testifies to his great power.

Art hails from Madison, Wisconsin where he once worked as a garage mechanic. This vocation was short-lived. Art played basketball and football at Central High in Madison and word soon got around as to his great athletic talent. He had scored the highest points for his team in many games.

However, when he left school he shortly found out that you cannot live on medals, trophies and glory and he obtained the job as a mechanic in a garage. However, his love was for athletics and he participated in several amateur wrestling shows.

It did not take long for word to get around that here was a natural athlete, a powerhouse for strength and a wrestler who possessed much ability.

If you have never seen the powerful Thomas in action, take our advice and attend the December 12th, show in the Amphitheatre. He seems certain to teach Dick the Bruiser a lesson in sportsmanship that the Hoosier powerweight will never forget.

WHY ART THOMAS REPLACED SIKI

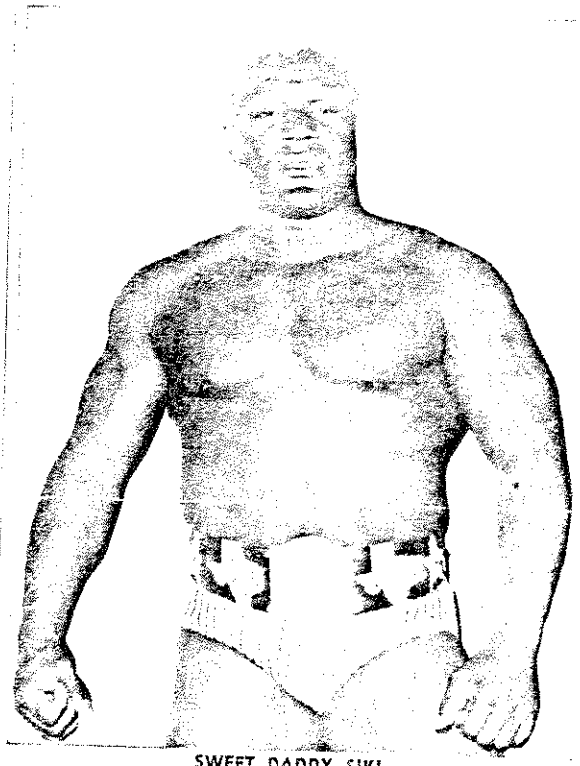
Sweet Daddy Siki, who was thrilled with the prospects of meeting 'The Bruiser' readily consented to meet him on the next Amphitheatre card, December 12th. Knowing at that time the December 12th date was open. However, when he notified his manager to close the match with Promoter Fred Kohler, his manager informed him that he had just committed Siki to a match in Detroit on December 12th.

Siki then called Promoter Kohler and notified him that he could not take the match and suggested that Seaman Art Thomas is the only man in the world that he figured could beat 'The Bruiser.' Not only because Thomas is highly scientific but because he is a mass of muscles from head to toe, with the strength of seven men and Siki feels that no matter what 'The Bruiser' would do to him he could not hurt him.

'The Bruiser' when informed of the change, from Siki to Thomas as his opponent, said: "What does Kohler think he's doing. If he thinks he is going to throw a ringer at me, he is nuts! This is strictly a double cross and Kohler is shooting an angle to steal my belt."

Promoter Fred Kohler stated that 'The Bruiser' will be in the ring and face Art Thomas, on Saturday, December 12th, regardless of how much he protests, because our State of Illinois Athletic Commission here has the authority to suspend 'The Bruiser' and make it stick in forty eight states, and 'The Bruiser' isn't going to risk having his income shut off."

"The Illinois State Athletic Commission," Kohler said, "has suspended main event wrestlers for not appearing and before re-instating them, had them post as much as $5,000 as a guarantee to meet the opponent, they ran out on." The Bruiser knows this and any protest he makes will be for naught.



SWEET DADDY SIKI

OLYMPIC CHAMP BILL MILLER TEAMS UP WITH WILBUR SNYDER TO BEAT THE VON BRAUNERS

It is the consensus of opinion among the fans and principals in the wrestling world that Promoter Fred Kohler has signed the outstanding tag match of the year in bringing together the great team of Wilbur Snyder and Big Bill Miller against the team of The Von Brauner Brothers, Kurt and Karl.

Miller known from coast to coast but having not appeared here is known for his tremendous power and giant size. He weighs 285 pounds, stands six feet, five inches in height and has awesome strength. Big Bill Miller was a star tackle at Ohio State University and was an all star in Association Press polls throughout the nation. He is an Olympic champion.

Miller graduated from college as a doctor of Veterinary, but he quickly gave up this career when he became so successful in wrestling. He has been a pro star for the past ten years and has owned several state and national titles.

"I got a real break when I got Miller to team with me," declared Wilbur Snyder. "I know that with Miller as my partner we are the only team in the nation who will be able to handle and subdue the German team of the Von Brauners."

Saul Weingeroff, the spokesman and master mind of the German heavyweights scoffs at Miller and Snyder.

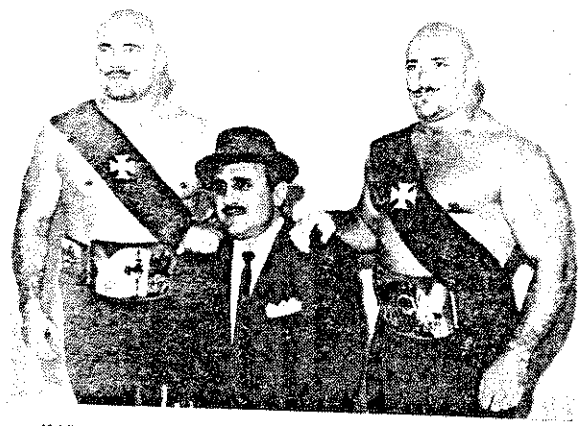
"We are the Tag team Champions and the way to keep proving it is to meet the best teams in the nation. We figure that Miller and Snyder are without an equal as opponents and we will beat them . . . That's for sure," exclaimed Weingeroff.

Snyder and Miller are not disclosing their plans, but it is rumored that they will resort to their football tactics of flying tackles and rushing their foes taking them off their feet. When you team up two athletes of the ability of Snyder and Miller you have two wrestlers who seem to be unbeatable.

There is also a rumor afloat that should the Von Brauners defeat all American opposition they will take the tag team title back to Germany where wrestling is very popular. A title would be a feather in their cap and enable them to obtain fabulous purses in lands across the ocean.

With over 1,500 pounds of combined weight in this tag match coming up in the Amphitheatre, Fred Kohler will need a carpenter at the ringside in case the ring breaks down. It is said that when Miller uses a body slam on an opponent, no ring can withstand the strain. This we shall see!

Kurt and Karl Von Brauner have been so successful in this country because of their ability to quickly adapt the catch-as-catch-can style of this nation which they had to overcome. They trained for days in an eastern gymnasium before they took their first match in the United States and as a result when they made their American debut they were fully prepared. Weingeroff, their manager, a case individual has been demanding exorbitant purses for his proteges and because of their ability and drawing power around the nation promoters have acceded to his demands.



KARL AND KURT VON BRAUNER WITH MANAGER

THE MASKED DEMON AROUSES THE FANS

No wrestler in many years has aroused the interest of Chicago fans as has the Masked Demon, the mysterious heavyweight who returns to Chicago to wrestle Joe Tomaso, of Italy on the December 12th card in the Amphitheatre.

The Masked Demon had the fans talking to themselves with excitement after his appearance here on the last show when he defeated Guy Mitchell.

"Who is he? Where does he come from? How can such a talented wrestler hide his identity? These are the remarks heard by the fans as they talked in an excited manner to each other at the Amphitheatre.

Promoter Fred Kohler is as mystified as are the fans as to the identity of The Masked Demon. The mysterious and elusive grappler comes to the Amphitheatre wearing a mask and refuses to reveal any of his past, present or talk about his future. He signs his contract with an X and this is satisfactory to Kohler who is more than pleased to acquire the mystery man for the December 12th card.

The Masked Demon is a graceful wrestler. His moves are speedy and his wrestling maneuvers are scientific. But he is going to run into a stumbling block when he meets Joe Tomaso. The fiery Italian has been a sensation in the east and he vows to tear off his opponent's mask and find out just who this mysterious wrestler can be.

Tomaso is reported to create chaos wherever he wrestles and when he has an opponent in a weakened condition he shows no mercy to his foe.

Tomaso comes from a long line of wrestlers in his ancestry. Many of his relatives were wrestlers and especially in the old country they have made a name for themselves. Tomaso weighs 230 pounds and stands six feet in height. He knows how to use his weight and height to good advantage and should he be able to control a violent temper he will have to be reckoned with from now on.

"I realize I have a violent temper," declared Tomaso, "but no athlete is 'tops' who will let an opponent push him around. This I will not stand for."

Well, we will see just how good The Masked Demon is when he meets Joe Tomaso who will be the real test of the former's ability and courage.

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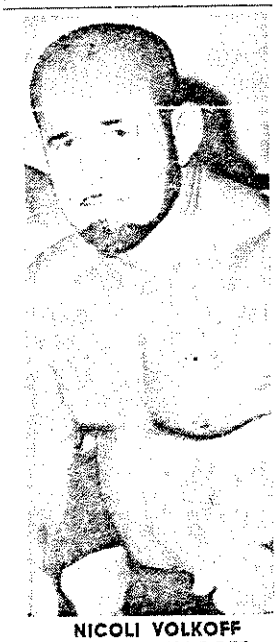
ANOTHER WILD MATCH O'CONNOR vs CHOLAK

"I'm due for a few breaks," exclaimed Pat O'Connor who wrestles Golden Moose Cholak, Saturday, December 12th, in the Amphitheatre.

"I fell from the ring in my last match with Dick the Bruiser, and I know I climbed back into the ring before the ten count, but the referee ruled otherwise," continued Pat.

In a former match with Dick the Bruiser, the colorful O'Connor suffered a neck injury and despite the fact that he wanted to continue with the match the Illinois State Athletic Commission doctor ruled otherwise.

"I want a return bout with Dick the Bruiser," O'Connor said. "and if I defeat Cholak, Kohler will have to accede to my demand."



NICOLI VOLKOFF MEETS MANAGOFF AT AMPHITHEATRE

O'Connor again faces a rough tough giant in Cholak, who is every bit as unruly as is Dick the Bruiser. Cholak's awkward style and his unorthodox tactics make it difficult for an opponent to plan a battle of strategy against the Moose heavyweight. However, O'Connor who has the experience of over ten years in wrestling may be able to cope with his rival.

"This guy should never have wrestled Dick the Bruiser," grunted Cholak. "I should have that match and I'll get it after I beat O'Connor. If Kohler does not sign me to wrestle 'The Brute', I'll take it to court and demand that Kohler quit showing favoritism in making matches."

Cholak's record in his years of wrestling is one of turbulence and excitement. He has been beaten by disqualification but opponents have found it difficult to pin his shoulders to the mat.

"This will never happen," exclaims Cholak, "I was World's Champion when I beat Rikidozan in Japan, and I'll be the titleholder again. All I need is the breaks and the opportunity to meet the titleholder."

THE GERMAN TEAM MANAGER TALKS

Saul Weingeroff, manager of the Von Brauner Brothers, the tag team who meet Wilbur Snyder and Big Bill Miller is a sneering type of German who belittles everything that is American.

"The American wrestlers are soft," exclaimed Weingeroff. "many of the patrons come to the matches looking like hill billies and the girls look like they comb their hair with egg beaters. We come into the ring looking like gentlemen, yet they boo us and throw things at us.

The Germans are far superior to the Americans. When they wanted Joe Louis beaten, who did they get? Max Schmeling! When they wanted to catch up in the missile race, who did they bring in? It was Werner Von Braun, a German. When they wanted someone to win the Miss Universe title some years back, who did they bring in? A German Fraulein who was an electrical engineer to boot."

COLLEGE STARS MAKE GREAT WRESTLERS

There are many college stars on the December 12th. show in the Amphitheatre. Promoter Fred Kohler always seeks the athletes who have attended universities because of the ability and shrewd tactics they show in their matches.

As a result the December 12th card is composed of many former collegians. Both Dick the Bruiser and Seaman Art Thomas who meet in the main event have college careers. Dick the Bruiser, in fact attended two universities—U. of Purdue and the U. of Nevada. He starred in both wrestling and football during his collegiate career.

Big Bill Miller and Wilbur Snyder teamed in a tag match against the Von Brauner Brothers have enjoyed college careers. Snyder at the University of Utah and Miller at Ohio State.

Angelo Poffo who wrestles Guy Mitchell was a student at De Paul U. and now teaches school as well as engaging in a wrestling career. Pat O'Connor who meets Golden Moose Cholak attended Massey U. in Wellington New Zealand and Cholak spent several years at the University of Wisconsin.

WHO WILL BE THE VICTOR?

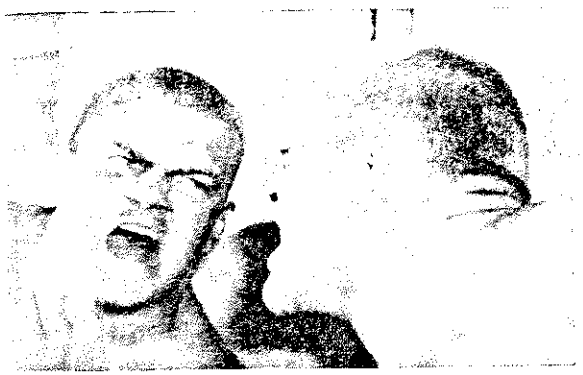
The Dick the Bruiser-Seaman Art Thomas match in the Amphitheatre, December 12th, will be fought on a difference of temperaments. Dick the Bruiser is an exciting and hot tempered athlete while Thomas plans his moves in advance and refuses to allow an opponent to throw him off stride.

Which character will predominate? Can the rough and tumble 'Bruiser' create a panic feeling in Thomas and put the latter on defense or can Thomas hold his head and outsmart his rival?

Thomas is a master at wrestling and especially in meeting the 'hard boiled' type of opponent. He can size up a rival in short order and plan whether to use an aggressive style at the start of a match or wait and wear down a foe, allowing the opponent to wear himself out.

Fans who have watched Dick the Bruiser admit that he roughs up a foe to such a degree that the opponent becomes fearful and then is an easy prey for Dick's tough tactics. It is certain that this will not happen to Thomas who has been facing unruly opponents during his entire mat career.

The match figures to be the top bout of the decade and for that reason a capacity crowd will be present.



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Killer Kox Teams With Louie Tillet Against Ciclon Negro And Argentina Apollo

KILLER KARL KOX

LOUIE TILLET

CICLON NEGRO

VITTORIO APOLLO

Tag team wrestling at its absolute best . . . that's what will be dished out in the Sportatorium tonight. To prove the point just look at who will be competing: Ciclon Negro and Argentina Apollo versus Killer Karl Kox and Louie Tillet. You couldn't find two teams in this country who are better wrestlers; rougher, tougher wrestlers or grapplers more interested in winning matches.

Since his return Negro has been a little hard for other wrestlers to get along with, but luckily he and Apollo get along fine. This friendship dates back to the days in New York when they fought side by side as tag team partners and scored quite a reputation.

"Negro is a great grappler and I am indeed proud to work with him as a tag team partner," said Apollo. "And believe me we are no strangers to each other . . . we fought as partners in New York for months and months and have yet to be defeated. Negro is a fine man and an exceptionally fine wrestler."

Of course nothing need be said concerning the prowess of Argentina Apollo. This young man came here with a tremendous build-up and he has lived up to every word of it. He is certainly one of the most exciting wrestlers to appear in Beaumont. There is a newness about his style that has captivated the fans and caused woe to his opponents.

Ciclon Negro has certainly proved himself during his current visit. While he has turned to the tough side of the sport he has come through in great style and has handled all opponents with great success.

There has been trouble aplenty between these four, especially between Apollo and Killer Kox. The Killer is quite jealous of the reputation that has been built up by Argentina and swears he is going to "knock his block off."

"I don't want this pretty boy to try to hide behind Ciclon Negro when we get in the ring," growled the Killer. "He will probably do this as he likes for someone else to build his reputation for him. But tonight I am going to route him out and beat his pretty ears off."

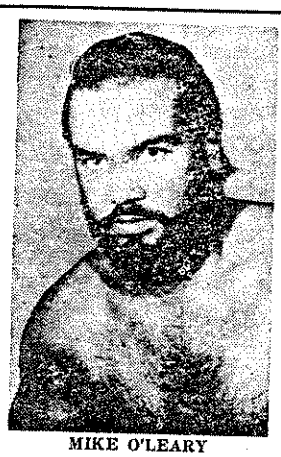
All of which seems to fit into the scheme of things as Louie Tillet says he wants Negro again.

"That big bum Negro has made his reputation by whipping little fellows," said Tillet. "I'm going to show him what it means to tangle with a man rather than a boy! He just thinks he's tough!"

The answer to all of this will be unreeled here tonight.

MARK LEWIN

TOKYO TOM



MIKE O'LEARY

New Faces and Proven Stars Due!

Maniac Mark Lewin, the rugged grappler from Buffalo, New York is on his way to Australia right now but contracts call for the hefty and tough heavyweight to step right back into the Texas mat picture the moment he winds up his commitments Down Under. Mark looks on fellows like Kox, Tillet, Borne and The Wrecker as mere pretenders to the throne of the truly great. He considers himself as THE KING.

A newcomer, Mike O'Leary, a rugged individualist who has scored well on the Pacific Coast, is due to take up residence in Houston shortly and wants it known that he intends to make room for himself right at the top of the ladder in Texas mat circles.

Japan's "Ichiban", Tokyo Tom will be seeing his first action for 1965 here in the very near future. The man whose deadly karate thrust to the throat made him a crippler during 1964 has a brand new kind of assault that he intends to turn loose and make this year his greatest. Tom, colorful, rugged and willing to meet any man, wants it known that he will not come here if the pre-match ceremonies are interfered with in any manner; also that he will pick up his golden idol and go if he is heckled. His opponents promise him more than heckling!!!

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Terrible Ivan to Return Soon

One of wrestling's all-time rough and rugged stars is slated to return here soon. Ivan the Terrible, wild-eyed, wild-haired, wild-mannered mat man who comes to the United States via Argentina proves that all of the legends about his namesake, Ivan the Terrible, live again. In South America where his family emigrated from Russia, Ivan began to adopt the health policies of a cult that believed it was wrong to cut your hair whether it was on your head or on your face and he has stuck to it ever since. This same group advocated long periods of abstinence, rigorous exercise routines, and self-punishment that toughened the body. Ivan's wrestling career began in South America and has encompassed all of that country, Central America and Mexico. His unruly hair is as famous throughout Latin America as his unruly ring manners and "Ivan El Terrible" as they call him, is used as a bogey man to scare kids when they are to be punished. His return here is expected to see him in perfect condition to wrestle in main events like he has done many times in the past.

IVAN THE TERRIBLE

Captain's Match On Card

There are a couple of "Captains" who are going to tangle in a Captains Match here tonight and it might be advisable for front row spectators to wear their roller skates! The two are Louie Tillet and Argentina Apollo! In addition to being two of the best wrestlers in the country these two men have a great personal dislike for each other and this could mean a lot of headaches for both of them. Of course they face each other later in a main event tag team match . . . if there's enough left of either man!

The Frenchman Tillet as anybody will tell you is double tough. "For some reason the referee likes to give my opponent all of the breaks . . . and I don't know why. If I had been treated fairly I would have won every match in Beaumont hands down. Mainly they like to say I am too rough, and disqualify me!

"Well, from here it looks like I am going to have to whip every man until they have to carry him out of the ring to get a decision. If that's what they want, that's what they will get. From here on out I am going to demonstrate what getting rough and tough really means!

"What I leave of him after the Captain's Match," growled Tillet, "I will take care of in the tag team match that follows. Two shots at that upstart in one night is all anyone could ask for."

Big Ike Eakins Battles Mike Harmon

MIKE HARMON

IKE EAKINS

Big Ike Eakins, better known as the Clawman, will return to go into battle with Mike Harmon, the Negro star from the cands of Saudi Arabia. "I like action," says Mike who makes it readily apparent when he steps into the ring, "and if I meet a man who will meet me halfway then I can turn loose with everything I have. This is the only way to get ahead in this game and I want to get ahead." Eakins is famed for one of the most devastating kidney grips in the game and experts agree that there is no counter for it, just block it. If you can keep the menace of the claw from clamping down you can get by, but if he gets his hands in the proper place the match is over. Mike will have to be on his toes when he faces this giant of a madman.

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MAIN EVENT

Killer Karl Kox
250 lbs.—Omaha, Nebraska

-vs-

Vittorio Apollo
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Louie Tillet
210 lbs.—Bordeaux, France

-vs-

Ciclon Negro
245 lbs.—Buenos Aires

2 out of 3 falls — 1 hour time limit

SEMI-FINAL

Gory Guerrero -vs- **The Mongol**
210 lbs.—Mexico City, Mexico — 205 lbs.—Mongolia

2 out of 3 falls — 45 minute time limit

CAPTAIN'S MATCH

Louie Tillet -vs- **Vittorio Apollo**
210 lbs.—Bordeaux, France — 215 lbs.—Rome, Italy

1 fall — 15 minute time limit

PRELIMINARY

Ike Eakins - The Clawman **Mike Harmon**
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1 fall — 15 minute time limit

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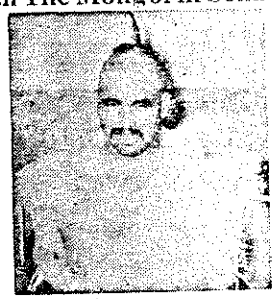
Famed Clarinetist Pete Fountain to Appear At City Auditorium

Pete Fountain is coming to town and according to all reports he presents an evening of entertainment that shouldn't be missed. The concert is slated for Friday, February 12 in Beaumont City Auditorium. Two shows are scheduled, one at 7:30 and the other at 9:00 p.m. Not only is this an opportunity to hear fine music, but it is also an opportunity to help someone further their college education. Proceeds of the show will go to the Neches Chapter of the American Business Women's Association scholarship fund. Tickets are on sale here tonight or you may obtain them by sending your check and a stamped self-addressed envelope to PETE FOUNTAIN CONCERT — 2485 Laurel, Beaumont, Texas 77702. Tickets are $3.00 in advance and $3.50 at the door. Please help this worthy cause as well as giving yourself an evening you will never forget!

Guerrero Tangles With The Mongol in Semi

GORY GUERRERO



THE MONGOL

Gory Guerrero, one of Mexico's finest examples of stardom in the mat world has amassed a number of world titles in the lighter weight divisions and intends to make a big thrust at the greatest prize of them all, the heavyweight crown, just as quickly as he can be given the chance. And Gory has the stuff of which competitors are made . . . and champions! He will start on the road up when he meets the Mongol, who some say hails from Africa and some say he comes from the jungles of Brazil. But there is one thing everyone who knows him agrees on . . . he's wild . . . he's tough . . . and he's a killer! The Mongol looks mad, he acts mad and he IS mad! Mad at just about everything that gets in his path or doesn't; mad at people who cheer him and those who don't; mad at people who speak to him and those who don't; mad at men he wrestles and those he does not! He is just plain mad! One of the things that make him maddest is the fact that his opponents are grabbing his que (or do you spell it queu, or cue?) and using it for a handle. But he refuses suggestions that he shave it off!

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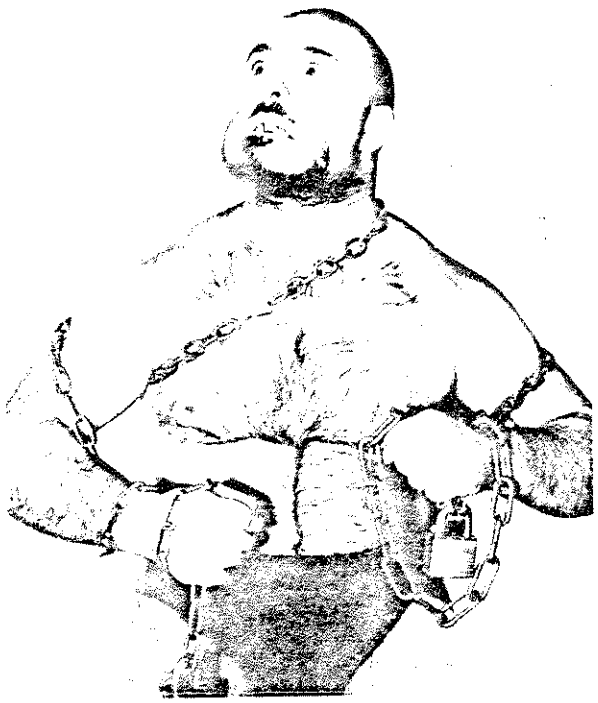
Vachone, Red Cloud in Indian Chain Death Bout

POPULAR BILLY RED CLOUD



MAURICE (MAD DOG) VACHONE

Chain Match is Brutal

The Indian chain death match event will assure fans that both contestants will be in action. If the event is because each main eventer will be shackled to the end of an eight foot chain.

There is no escape from an opponent, and thus the only way a bout can end is when one man is unconscious — and when that happens, the defeated man usually is dragged at end of the ring by his conqueror.

This is the first time in history such a match has been scheduled for Minneapolis, and fans have been buzzing about it since the first announcement.

Packing Arenas

ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR wrestlers on the circuit today is Cowboy Jack Lanza, pictured here. Lanza, who stands 6-4 and weighs 238 pounds, has been a top attraction everywhere he has appeared in recent months, and right now he is packing the arenas in Japan. Promoter Wally Karbo is dickering for Lanza's services now, trying to get him into Minneapolis before this fall.

THE BIG "K"

Gagne vs. Big K Revival of Old Simmering Feud

VERN GAGNE

There are many fans who feel tonight's attractive card offers, in reality, a double main event, because close followers of the mat wars in the Twin Cities for years wouldn't miss a match between the Big K and Verne Gagne for anything.

The bitter battling between these two veterans started about six years ago, and fans can still recall packed houses for their main events. One such match was at the Minneapolis Armory in February of 1960, and there wasn't even standing room.

"Gagne hasn't changed over the years," mused Big K. He's still crying to promoters about the conduct of his opponents, and hand picking soft touches in an attempt to get top billing.

Gagne's attitude? "You don't know how long I've waited to get that slob into the ring again."

KARBO'S KOLUMN

By WALLY KARBO

Minneapolis Wrestling Promoter

THOSE WHO FOLLOW WRESTLING probably don't need an explanation, but few promoters book an Indian chain death match because a bout like this is considered extremely dangerous. Anyone well versed in this kind of wrestling can use the chain as a lethal weapon — and Billy Red Cloud is a master at this type of battling which is really a handicap to someone who doesn't know what he's doing.

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THE ILL FEELINGS BETWEEN Billy Red Cloud and Vachone reached a peak in St. Paul July 30 when Red Cloud lost his temper and went after Mad Dog, decking him with the apparatus that holds his headdress. You can imagine how much coaxing Vachone needed to sign for tonight's main event after that turn of events . . . I'm inclined to agree with Red Cloud when he says he out-foxed Vachone in making match negotiations, because Billy is a pro with that chain.

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ALASKAN KOWALSKI W. SNYDER TINY MILLS

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THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE Wilbur Snyder and Wladek Kowalski will be opponents on the Sept. 10 card, and that match alone should cause considerable comment, because both are super stars in their own right . . . Did you ever stop to think that there is a wealth of talent around Minneapolis right now, all waiting for a chance to grab Vachone's title? Check these contenders: Verne Gagne, the Alaskan, Big K, Kowalski and the Crusher, to name a few . . . While speaking of the Crusher and Alaskan, fans should know that the Crusher has already informed me he'll meet the Alaskan under any conditions, and that includes wearing lumberjack boots if so required. This all stems from the Alaskan allegedly using his thumb on the Crusher — but unless a referee spots such a move, it can't be defined as a thumb in the throat. The Alaskan says it's an elbow smash. He has a doctor's certificate proving that he has an ailing thumb, so enforcement is difficult.

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IF TINY MILLS GETS ENOUGH votes to be named sheriff in Mille Lacs county, wrestling will lose one of its most colorful original lumberjack artists. I think Tiny would make an excellent law officer . . . I hope Gagne and Vachone don't meet in the corridors between matches, or we'll have an alley brawl on our hands. Gagne is still simmering over Vachone's label of "yellow." . . . Steve Druk is looking for a new partner since he and Chris Markoff went opposite directions.

Did Billy Red Cloud Out-Fox the Mad Dog in Unique Battle of Wits?

Billy Red Cloud feels he has won the battle of wits — at least temporarily — now that Mad Dog Vachone has signed for the Indian chain death match.

Pointing out that Vachone has been on the run constantly, Red Cloud offered this opinion: "The chain keeps anyone from ducking out. We'll be eight feet away, or closer, at all times. I think he'll regret signing for this one."

Red Cloud also commented: "Vachone has been trying to get Verne Gagne into an Algerian death match without success, and I don't blame Gagne for thinking this over, because Vachone has never given rules that prevail. While Vachone was worrying about this, I got him to sign for the Indian chain match."

Fans in this area have been talking about this type of bout ever since the first announcement, and there are many who feel Vachone may have made a mighty costly mistake by signing.

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ADDED ATTRACTION

Wladek Kowalski (262) Hamtramck, Mich. —vs.— Billy Wicks St. Paul (221)

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THE OPENING BOUT

Doug Gilbert (232) South Bend, Ind. —vs.— Opponent To Be Named

One Fall

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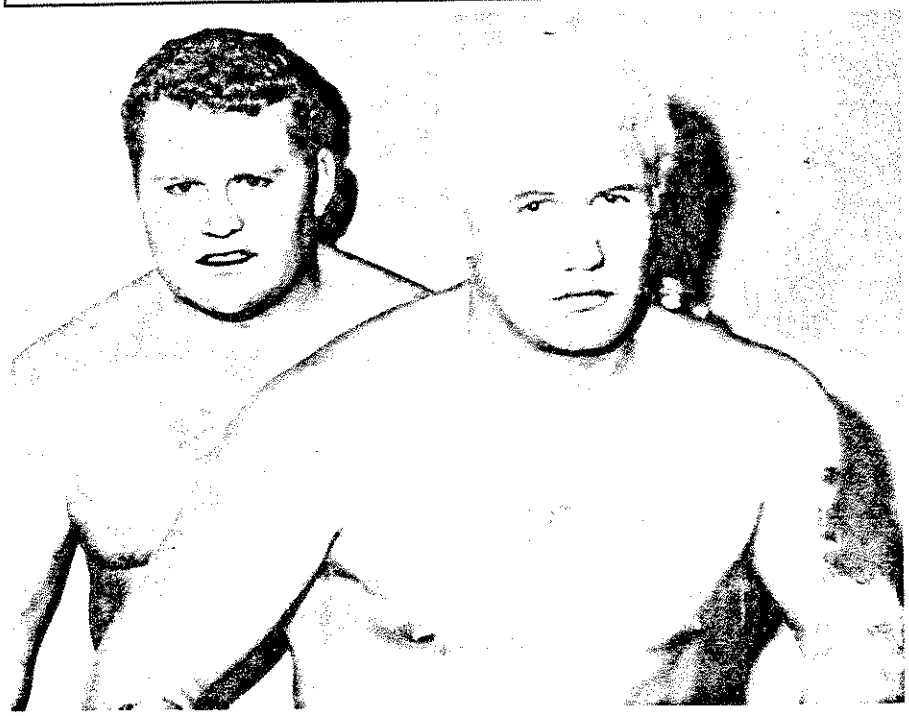

BACK FROM SUCCESSFUL TOUR: LARRY HENNIG (LEFT), HARLEY RACE

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Hennig, Race Mop Up In Australia and Japan

You might say Larry Hennig and Harley Race didn't exactly capture first place in any popularity contests once they left Minneapolis for Australia.

Promoter Wally Karbo said his phone has been ringing often lately, as overseas calls pour into his office from other promoters, wondering just what kind of pair Hennig and Race are.

"They kicked them out of Australia, but it didn't make much difference to Hennig and Race, because they beat everyone they were matched against," Karbo explained.

It wasn't difficult to follow their trail, because shortly after leaving Australia, the pair moved into Japan and again drew the scorn of thousands—winning all the time.

"A Japanese promoter said they couldn't find anyone to cope with Hennig and Race," Karbo said.

Reports indicate that Hennig has been in serious trouble with opponents, fans and promoters by using his elbow as a weapon. Some towns even formed groups to protest his appearance.

Hennig is back in town again, while Race stopped off in California to discuss a possible movie contract.

"Let's face it," Hennig roared over the phone to SPORTS FACTS earlier this week. "Race and I are too good for anyone, and after facing the world's best, who can dispute this claim?".

Hennig said the foreign newspapers raved about the abilities of their team, but Karbo said it wasn't quite that way. "I heard they just barely got out of town more than once. Can't you just see those two guys sneaking into a depot and catching the last train out after hiding in the shadows?" Karbo said with a chuckle.

"Karbo can spout off all he wants to, but the fact remains we cleaned house on everyone while away from Minneapolis, and he can't take that away from us," Hennig added. "I see he hasn't made any changes around Minneapolis—same old faces—guys Harley and I have mopped up the ring with," he said with a smirk.

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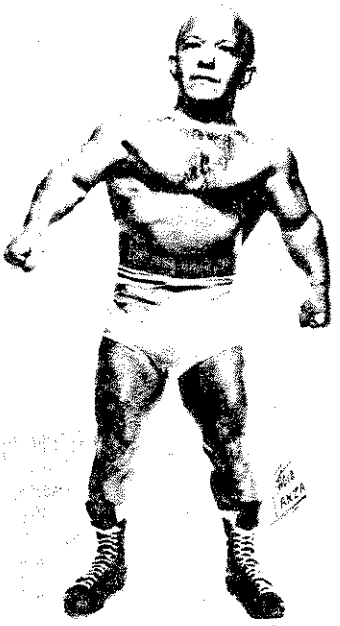

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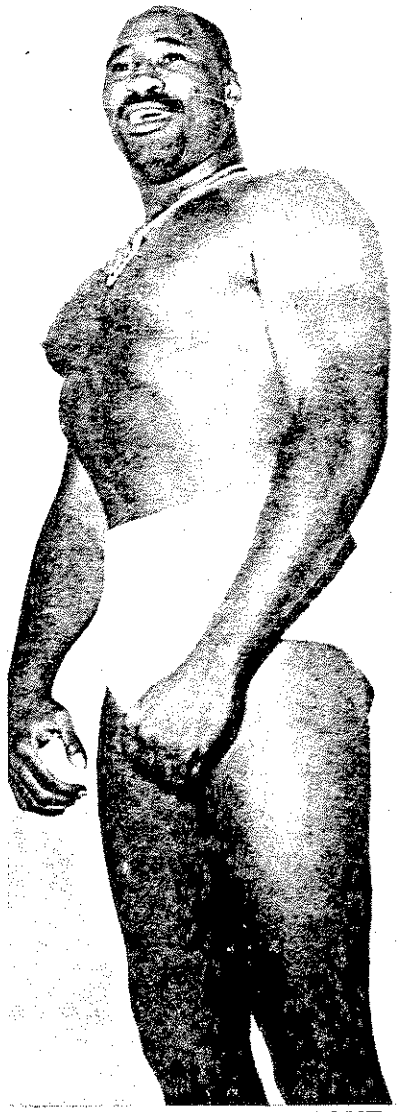


BEARCAT WRIGHT

Rough Foe For Stevens Tonight

By HARVEY ROCKWELL

Those who pay good money in the expectation of seeing Ray Stevens shorn of his United States heavyweight wrestling championship have come to the right place tonight.

A mere hanful of all those matmen who ply their trade in the United States can be considered downright serious threats to the Blond Bomber but he happens to be scheduled to meet one of 'em tonight.

That, of course, would be Bearcat Wright, a giant of a man who apparently loves everyone in the world except the aforementioned Mr. Stevens.

The only thing Wright doesn't like about wrestling is the pain he sometimes finds it necessary to inflict on an opponent. It must have been the Bearcat they had in mind when the phrase "He wouldn't hurt a fly" was coined.

It's true. He's as docile as they come when not in the ring in combat. Even then, he generally is too nice to his opponents. He usually waits until he's all but murdered by illegal tactics before he gets real rough.

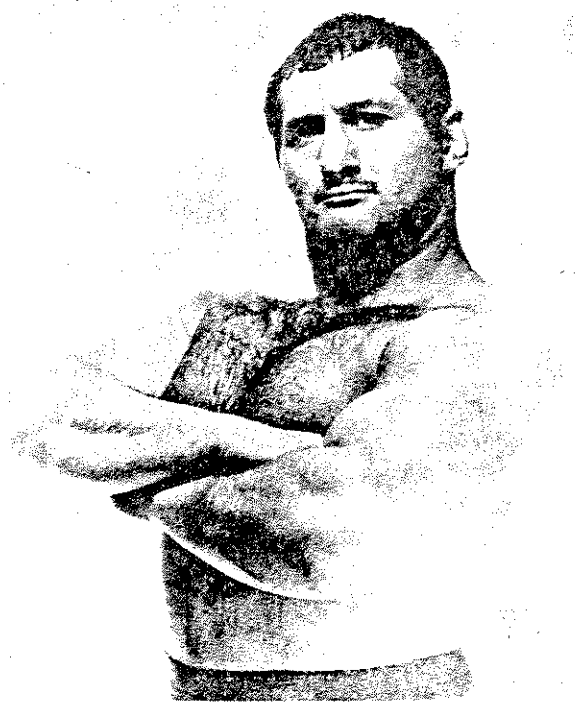
You can be sure such peaceful means will not be utilized against Stevens. No chance. To Wright's way of thinking, there's nothing lower than the U.S. kingpin. He would just as soon pull his ears off as look at him.

Wright, like so many others, has good reason for such a feeling, of course. Stevens has done him wrong in the past and, though he isn't quite as large as an elephant the Bearcat's memory is every bit as good.

The big boy did have some fun with Stevens in this same ring last month and everyone in the near-capacity gathering enjoyed every minute of it.

Those who were on hand will recall only Wright and Stevens were left in the ring to determine the winner of the 18-man Battle Royal and the Bearcat made short work of his tormentor despite the latter's illegal tactics.

The victory came at a good time, too, inasmuch as it included victory over the hated Stevens, a beautiful trophy and, most important, $7,000 in prize money.



THE GREAT MALENKO

Physically, the Bearcat has it over Stevens in height, reach and poundage. In the latter department, Wright tips the scales at 267 pounds, Stevens at 239.

However, Stevens has something extra going for him in his use of illegal tactics. He will, as fans can testify, do anything to win a match. Wright knows this, however, so, to coin a phrase, forewarned is forearmed.

Wright's weakness there is that, despite the fact he despises Stevens, he undoubtedly will observe the rules so closely he may be mangled before he loses his temper and goes for the rough stuff himself.

The Bearcat normally is a happy-go-lucky man who gets rough only when an opponent gets completely out of line. Even when he does go berserk he calms down in a hurry and thus gives his foe a chance to score once again with illegal methods.

This one has to be a match worth watching and the Bearcat certainly shapes up as one anti-Stevens fans can root for with solid hopes of success.

Not that this is all the major action on tap. Another championship, the world's tag team crown, also will be at stake.

In this one, Pepper Gomez and Pedro Morales will give Pat Patterson and Fred Blassie, another pair who don't believe in rules, a second shot at their laurels.

The Merry Mexicans handled Blassie and Patterson once before but it wasn't easy. In fact, the challengers were able to claim a little matter of bleeding robbed them of the chance of grabbing the coveted crown.

With that in mind, they demanded that the bout not be stopped should any of the four in action be cut. Gomez and Morales, who obviously fear no men, agreed and thus it will be tonight.

Patterson and Blassie must feel they have something going for them in this one for, with Stevens, they defeated the champs and Cyclone Negro in a six-man tag match three weeks ago in the same ring.

The only fall against them in that outing was suffered when Negro did wrong by Stevens, so, apparently, Blassie and Patterson figure they are ready to lift the title.

Blassie has gained his world-wide reputation as a solo performer although he has, on occasion, worked with partners and done right well for himself.

Patterson, it will be recalled, shared the world title with Ray Stevens but lost his partner when the latter regained the U.S. heavyweight crown.

Although they are a comparatively new tandem, Blassie and Patterson are as rough as they come. They are a pair who completely ignore the rules and will take advantage of any and all opportunities to gain an edge over a pair who like to play it straight.

Let's not forget this is a triple main event tonight. Two title matches aren't enough for Promoter Roy Shire this close to Christmas. He also is presenting the Mighty Midgets in tag team competition.

In this one, you have Sky Low Low and the Mighty Brutus teamed against Jamica Kid and Irish Jackie. Gus Fan can only root that the better team win for he can be sure there will be action all the way.

What these little men of the mat lack in size they more than compensate for in ability and determination. They are fast and rugged and, like the bigger men in the sport, they have their share of villains.

All three of the main events shape up as something special. This looks like another of those action nights from start to finish.

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Everyone Likes A Good Guy

There was a time when Cyclone Negro didn't want rules to govern his or anyone else's actions in the ring. As was witnessed in the same ring in the not-too-distant past he went about his business as though they did not exist.

In fact, the 247-pound Latin clawed his way up the ladder to join wrestling's elite by the simple expedient of making up his own rules as he went along.

When he announced he finally realized the error of his ways and intended to abide by the rules there were quite a few non-believers among those who were forever rooting for him to be clobbered.

No one doubted Negro could wrestle on the square. They just didn't think he would. They were proven wrong. So wrong, in fact, that now they are among the first to applaud when he enters the ring.

What does Negro think of all this? Is he enjoying life as a nice guy after wrestling all his early career as a villain?

"There's nothing quite like the approval of the fans, I've found," he reports now. "I certainly get a thrill when the fans cheer as I'm introduced.

"I never doubted my ability to wrestle on the square but I was enjoying myself so much breaking every rule and getting away with it as I won my matches that it simply became a way of life with me.

"Now I've found that it does take something just a bit extra to win when going by the rules for there are so many men who perform just as I used to. You have to be alert every second to remain intact against those who continually break the rules.

"That presents a real challenge and a challenge is something I like in physical combat."

What does Negro think of the men who do go by the rules? What, for instance, is his opinion of Pepper Gomez and Pedro Morales, with whom he has teamed in six-man tag matches?

"There was a time when I thoroughly hated them," he admits. "I did everything possible to beat them. I searched the country for partners who, like myself then, would go any route to take the world's tag team title from them.

"Well, I never did regain the crown the Mongolian Stomper and I held for a time. I don't know for sure, but maybe that taught me something about wrestling on the square.

"Now I enjoy working with them and have found both are real gentlemen in and out of the ring. I don't know why I should have been against them in the first place. After all, all three of us are Latins and have the same mother tongue."

And what does this former Olympic Games boxing contender think of the men with whom he once was rated, the likes of Ray Stevens, for example?

"That Stevens, you can have him," he says of the U.S. heavyweight champion. "Maybe he needs illegal tactics to win. Well, I've proven I certainly don't have to break the rules to beat the likes of him.

"Didn't I tie him in knots when we wrestled at the Cow Palace last month? You know I did and you know, also, that I did it legally despite his dirty tricks.

"I just dare Stevens to put his title on the line against me. I'll chew him up and spit him out and I'll do it while wrestling according to the rules. He can use any tactics he thinks will do him any good. I guarantee he'll find them useless."

One almost has to agree with Negro on this one. He seems to have changed his whole outlook on life and it appears to have made him stronger physically as well as mentally.

CYCLONE NEGRO

It also has made him a host of friends. Whether he's wrestling here, in New York, St. Louis or elsewhere he finds the fans on his side, something he never expected—or wanted—earlier.

Will Negro continue to wrestle by the rules or will he revert to his earlier form?

"I have every intention of following the rules and wrestling on the square so long as I am in the ring," he reports. "I admit that it is entirely possible I'll forget myself when an opponent gets too far out of line but that, I can assure you, will be a matter of temper getting the best of me."

Maybe the mat lost something when Negro changed his tactics for you couldn't find any rougher or meaner in the ring than this big man. It would be interesting to watch the action should a Ray Stevens or others of his ilk get Negro's dander up to the extent he would revert to form.

Mark Lewin--A Dedicated Athlete

If it's dedication fans look for in an athlete they won't be far out of line in checking with Mark Lewin, a young husky who is popular wherever he displays his talents.

Those at the Cow Palace tonight recall occasions when he was on a local card and they will have to admit the man went all out at all times in an effort to win and to make his admirers happy.

Standing 6-foot-1 and boasting 230 well-proportioned pounds, Lewin has joined the elite of the wrestling world since his last appearance here. There's little question he learned valuable lessons from such as Ray Stevens and Pepper Gomez and he hasn't forgotten them.

Lewin isn't about to forget anything that can help make him a better wrestler. He's as dedicated to the sport as any man who ever went into combat on the mat.

"You can call it dedication if you like," he says, "but, to me, it's simply love of the sport. There's nothing I'd rather do than wrestle and when I'm in the ring the one thought in my mind is to win.

"To win consistently, or even to win at all, you have to like what you're doing and you have to be in condition. I never let myself get out of shape and it has paid off for me in the tough spots."

And don't think Lewin doesn't find himself in tough spots on the mat. Any good wrestler does because it simply comes down to the fact that if you are good you are going to be tangling with other topnotchers who also can make it tough on the opposition.

Like so many wrestlers, Lewin is nuts about swimming. He, wife Leda and son March, 2, live in a home overlooking the Pacific at Malibu Beach and when he's not wrestling, in the gym or running up and down the beach he's in the water.

There's nothing new about Lewin's love of the sea. As a boy on the streets of New York he and his buddies got into the habit of hitch-hiking to Coney Island or Atlantic City for a day in the ocean.

"I've always enjoyed swimming," he says. "It's inside of me."

Apparently he's as good in the water as on the mat. He has been checked out to 250 feet while scuba diving but rarely has the opportunity to go in for that sort of thing these days simply because there's no one around to accompany him. A man who fools around by himself at that depth is asking for trouble.

However, that doesn't keep Lewin out of the water. The one thing that will do that is a wrestling engagement anywhere in the country. He has enough of those, flying about the country for an average of three matches a week.

When there's not wrestling or swimming there's Joe Gold's Gym in nearby Venice. Whenever possible, Lewin gets in two hours a day at the gym with weight lifting, calisthenics and punching the heavy bag.

Lewin credits weight-lifting with solving a weight problem.

"I've lost about 30 pounds and I find it much easier to move around at this weight," he explains. "When I wake up in the morning, I find myself springing out of bed, instead of dragging out as I did when I weighed more."

Running and handball also help keep him in shape. The running, of course, is on the beach at Malibu. When he can't get to the gym for a workout he runs two miles along a sandy stretch and is convinved there's nothing better for his legs.

"You'd be surprised how important running is to keep your legs in good shape," he says. "And there's nothing like doing it in the sand for a good workout."

Lewin is a wrestler with tremedous strength and the ability to use the dreaded "sleeper hold," with which, he estimates, he has won better than 90 percent of his matches.

There are a few other wrestlers who have mastered the hold but the real trick, Lewin believes, is to maneuver an opponent into a position where it can be applied.

MARK LEWIN

"Using it is fairly easy," he explains, "but getting it from any position in the ring is the difficult part."

Although he can lay no claim to having been around long enough to have seen greats of the past in action on the mat, it is his contention wrestling is better now than it ever has been.

"Wrestling, like any other sport, has to have improved," he believes. "After all, we know far more about dieting and our training techniques have improved tremendously."

Lewin is happy to see so many young wrestlers turning professional and credits this to the fact so many high schools now have competitive wrestling programs.

He points out that any high school boy can compete because of the weight divisions. When they get older and huskier they are in a position to attempt the pro sport.

"Wrestling in high school makes a lot of sense because it gives everybody a chance to compete in athletics," he says.

Although Lewin depends on muscle rather than color for his huge following of fans, he believes there's a place for the villains and other colorful characters to be found in the sport.

"Color adds something but the man still must have ability," he says.

Lewin should know. He has ability—and dedication.

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Roy Shire--Mat's Success Story

There were quite a few people in the Cow Palace three weeks ago to take in the wrestling matches. There are quite a few on hand tonight for the same reason. And there will be again, four weeks from tonight, when the matmen swing into action here for the last time this year.

It will be the same thing next year, the same thing that has been taking place since the first of the series of continuous Cow Palace mat shows started March 4, 1961.

In the months immediately preceding the launching of All-Star Wrestling at the Cow Palace the sport appeared on its last legs in this area. What had at one time been rated one of the best wrestling centers in the country was in the doldrums.

Why had it failed? Why had it bounced back so fast?

Wrestling men whom you ask these questions come up with the same response. "Ask Roy Shire," they tell you.

It would seem they do have the right idea. After all, it was Shire who came to town a perfect stranger, took over an area where the sport was dying and developed it into the finest in the country.

Those at the arena tonight may not realize it but facts prove they are watching the finest wrestlers in the country —and thus in the world. Nowhere else does the sport draw as consistently well as at the Cow Palace and the only explanation is that fans are willing to pay to see the top wrestlers in action.

However, how does Shire answer these questions?

"How can I tell you what caused the failure of the earlier promotion?", he asks. "I can guess, but it would be just that—guesswork. Quite likely the fans lost interest because they kept seeing the same old faces and they grew tired of it. But, don't forget, this is just a guess."

As he says, it may be just a guess, but, coming from as successful a promoter as Shire, one would have to assume it is quite a knowledgeable guess.

When Shire came to town, what did he bring with him that changed the situation so fast?

"All I brought with me was the faith that wrestling fans, like those of any sport, will turn out to see topflight performers," he reports.

"I wanted to find the combination where local shows were doing poorly in an area that once had been good and where a TV outlet was available."

Although a topflight matman himself as Professor Roy Shire, San Francisco was the one major mat center in which he never had appeared. However, he knew it once had been highly successful and thus knew there were fans here he felt were only waiting for the kind of wrestling they again would support.

And he did find the TV outlet, KTVU, Channel 2, on which programs now may be seen each Friday at 9 p.m.

Once he had his license and had signed a contract with KTVU, Shire went in search of an arena. He had only one in mind when he determined its size—the Cow Palace.

He still laughs at his reception when he informed officials he wished to rent it for wrestling and intended to fill it for his first program.

After all, these men knew the lowly situation in which wrestling found itself in the area then.

"They were polite," he recalls now, "but I could see they were just itching to laugh and I can't say I really blamed them."

However, Shire did secure the Cow Palace and when his first program attracted a $49,-

ROY SHIRE

983 gate, the arena's officials sat up and took notice. Wrestling now is the biggest attraction they have going there.

Thus armed with a license, a TV outlet and an arena for his live shows, he signed up the men who had promised him verbally they would perform for him when he was ready to go.

As these men flew in and out of town they saw only a TV studio for their first several matches Shire staged his first TV program in January, 1961, and it wasn't until the following March 4 that he went into the Cow Palace.

"I wanted fans to see these men in action before I asked them to pay to take in a card," he explains. "After all, these were wrestlers about whom most of them had only read but I was convinced that once they saw such topnotchers in action on TV they would want to see them in person."

And don't think Shire didn't gamble on the response of fans. He now beats a regular path to the door of the bank but if that first card hadn't drawn he would have been on a diet of beans for awhile.

Now an old man of 42, Shire wrestled regularly until he turned to promotion here. In fact, to fill previously-made commitments he appeared on a few cards in other sections of the country while running his first shows here.

So, one must agree, he knows wrestling. And he expects a lot of the men who grace his cards. First, they must be topflight wrestlers. Too, they must be agile and fast. He wants no slowpokes putting fans to sleep. And he wants men with color. He's not going to worry about those who break the rules. As he says, "that's the referee's problem, not mine."

Shire has brought more than just big name wrestlers to town, however. He has featured women wrestlers, midget men and midget girls and even a bear. He has promoted programs at the Cow Palace on New Year's Day and the day after Christmas, and still the fans came out.

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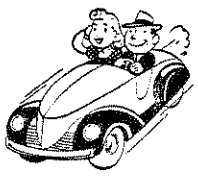

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For those who have been wondering if it would ever come to pass, we can report that Lou Thesz again will give Leo Nomellini a shot at his world championship.

The second go-around between these giants of the mat world will be staged June 16 at the Cow Palace, according to promoter Joe Malcewicz, who also must have been wondering if he ever again would get the two together in the same ring.

Ever since the two first met here and, we must admit, Thesz left town with his crown somewhat tarnished, Malcewicz has been attempting to get the two together for a rematch that everyone apparently wants to see.

The promoter must have spent a small fortune to convince Thesz to sign. We haven't yet heard what the guarantee is for the championship but you can be sure it's a healthy one.

Nomellini, of course, has been willing to toss up everything to get a second crack at Thesz. Since their first argument he constantly has informed promoters with whom he signed that he expected to be released from the contract should Thesz agree to a rematch.

Thesz explained to Malcewicz that he just couldn't sign earlier for a second Nomellini match because he was booked solidly for other matches throughout the country.

That certainly could be true for Thesz is known as a man who fears no opponent and is always willing to give a logical contender a chance to lift his laurels.

Everyone must agree that Nomellini rates the role of a logical contender on his first meeting with the champion.

Just how this match shapes up as a natural will be shown when they finally get together again July 16. You can be sure the Cow Palace will be packed and that a gate record for wrestlers in this area definitely will be established.

One who is happy to see the match made is Mrs. Nomellini.

"I thought after the first match that it would be a little quiet around our house—no more talk about beating Thesz," she explains. "However, I was mistaken.

It's been worse, if anything. All Leo has talked about is another chance at Thesz and I have to admit I'm happy he's finally getting it. Maybe, now, it will be a bit quieter once the two have met again."

Roland Meeker, the 227-pound matman who has been making a big hit in Northern California rings, has certainly had an interesting and, to put it mildly, a varied career.

He's 34 years of age now and in that time has had these various occupations in addition to being a wrestler:

1—Merry-go-round foreman.

2—Parachutist in a traveling carnival.

3—Louisiana state cop and Shreveport city policeman.

His dad ran a carnival for a number of years and Roland was sent aloft twice a week in a huge gasballoon. At 1,200 to 1,500 feet, the balloon was cut adrift and Roland floated gently down to earth. It was, of course, a means of drawing attention to the carnival and getting some additional cash customers.

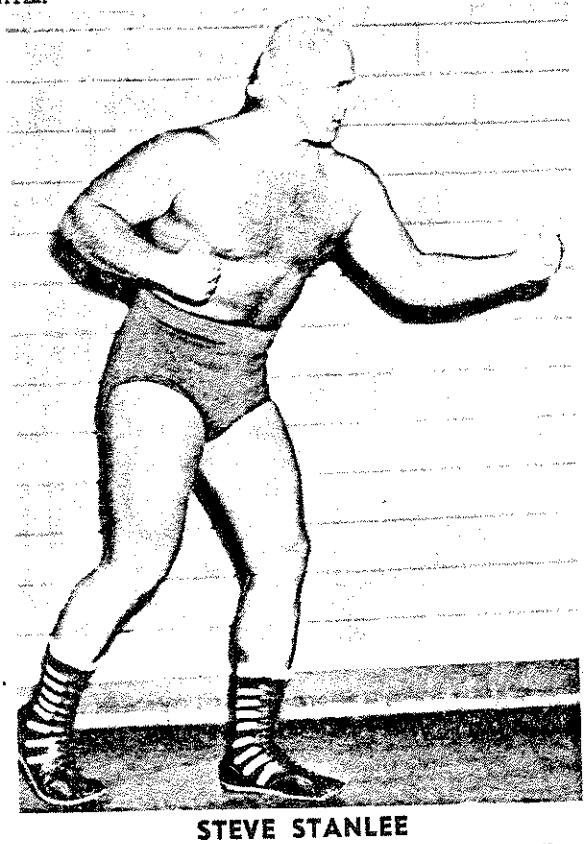
Roland, who is a spectacular type of wrestler, has landed in the Mississippi river, atop a schoolhouse and atop a house. In the latter instance, the irate owner was going to sue him for breaking some tile on the roof.

Also with the carnival, Roland was a merry-go-round foreman, which ate up a few hours a day and certainly kept him busy.

And, in 1938-1940, he was with the police force of Shreveport, La., and also a state policeman. He's been shot at by holdup men and once he and his squad car mate captured five escaped convicts.

Says Roland:

"They were a part of a group of 30 convicts who escaped from an Oklahoma penitentiary. They had stolen a car and needed gas and we caught them trying to break into a gas station."



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Roland also has nailed hundreds of speeders. "Some I let go," he says, "others I gave tickets. It all depended on the offense and the attitude of the drivers. In most cases they were quite apologetic.

"But traffic violators offer the greatest variety of excuses I've ever heard—all the way from the guy who says 'Gee, I didn't know I was going so fast' to the fellow who told me, 'Officer, I'm hauling a load of fresh fruit in my truck and it's awful hot and I've got to get this fruit into an ice box before it spoils'.

"His excuse struck me so funny that I let him go," Roland adds. "Wouldn't want that fruit to spoil, you know."

Roland started in the light-heavyweight division and wrestled his first pro match before he was 16.

"It was in Longview, Texas," Roland says, "and I wrestled a big Russian fellow who outweighed me 50 pounds. The guy was completely bald and I was scared to death. But, somehow, I beat him. I still don't know how.

"Since then I've wrestled in every state in the country, in Mexico, Cuba, South Africa and Canada, and I hope to wrestle all over the world in the next few years. I've held several titles, light-heavyweight champion of the South, New England junior heavyweight champion, and several others."

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Buddy Austin--The King of Texas

They grow 'em big and they grow 'em mean in Texas—all of which could be two reasons mat fans of the Lone Star State have found blond Killer Buddy Austin all to their liking.

Come to think of it, however, it actually is a case of Austin finding Texas to his liking rather than the Texans taking to him in any overwhelming numbers.

The way Austin goes about getting the job done on the mat he finds it much easier to influence opponents than fans. Neither particularly like him or his rough tactics but there's little either can do about it.

Opponents, at least in Texas, are busy failing over dead at the very sight of him these days. Fans don't have occasion to get that close to the big guy but that doesn't mean they have to like him overly much.

Sweeping all before him in Dallas and other wrestling centers in Texas, Austin currently holds the State championship. You might say he reigns on a part-time basis for the blond gladiator does a lot of traveling to fill his bookings.

Wherever he wrestles, however, be it in the Cow Palace, Dallas, New York or wherever, he is the same rough, ruthless matman who has been seen in virtually every major arena in the world.

"I don't think I'd be happy unless I'm busting up somebody," is the way Austin puts it.

Austin thrives on breaking up the enemy. He's not particular, either, about how he gets the job done, as local fans are well aware. A little thing like a broken rule isn't about to cause him to lose any sleep.

In fact, an opponent who sees Austin limit himself merely to breaking rules can consider himself quite fortunate. The big man —6-foot-4, 248 pounds of mayhem—has been known to use ring posts, turnbuckles or anything else available on unsuspecting foes.

As is so often the case where wrestling's bad guys are concerned, Austin doesn't have to use such illegal tactics. He's big enough and certainly has learned enough of the finer points of wrestling to handle almost any man in the ring without resorting to trickery or illegal actions.

However, he's one of these men whom you'll find in every sport or profession who has to win, no matter what tactics he uses. If he has to bust a few rules or a head you can be sure it doesn't bother him in the least.

Although he's anything but a gentleman in the ring, Austin cannot be faulted as a bully for he will give away weight as readily as he'll use it to his advantage.

An example of that occurred on his last trip to Japan when he found himself in the ring with the Sumo champion, who stood 6-4 and tipped the scales at 345 pounds. They played this one by Japanese rules.

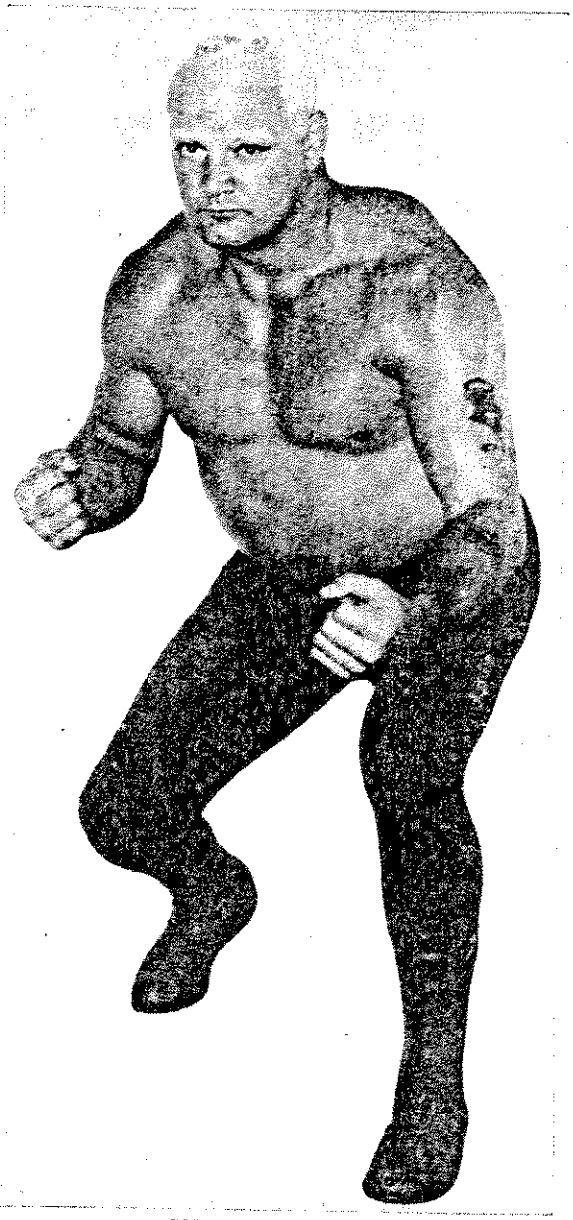
"Sumo is a game of balance and leverage," Austin explains. "The idea is to get your opponent off his feet. Well, I couldn't get him off his feet and he couldn't get me off mine so they called the match a draw.

"We just stood there and tugged and hauled at each other. I don't know what the fans see in it. I'd just as soon watch someone mow his lawn."

Although Austin is known throughout wrestling as a rough character who would just as soon dismember an opponent as shake hands with him, he has had his share of bad moments on the mat.

In mixing with some of the best men in the business, Austin has had both his arms and legs broken, has suffered several broken ribs, a broken collarbone and has lost all his upper teeth.

Buddy is a native San Franciscan and first found out about wrestling at St. Mary's High School, where he also played football. After graduation, he turned to life in the Navy and won the wrestling championship of the Pacific Fleet before his four years were up.



BUDDY AUSTIN

Austin, turning to the pro game in 1955, figures he can keep going at his current pace at least until he's 40. It might be longer, but that depends on the youngsters coming into the game these days, he explains.

"So I don't really know how long I'll wrestle. If I'm still able to hold my own with the topnotchers at 40 I just might continue. At the rate the youngsters are going they won't offer me any competition even then."

John Swenski

(Former World's Junior Heavyweight Wrestling Champion)

NAMES AND FACES IN THE NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO—Today's place of honor belongs to one of the greatest athlets ever to grace the American scene, one Bronko Nagurski—the former college All-American, All-Pro fullback and all-time wrestling great.

Nagurski is well-remembered by Bay Area mat fans for his exploits in the ring and will always reign as an all-time favorite hereabouts. Incidentally, my friend Bronko currently resides in International Falls, Minnesota, where he operates a chain of gas stations. But, the name Nagurski still remains on the gridiron—Canada, if you please. Bronko's son, 245-pound Bronko, Jr., is a pro football tackle. Dad earned All-American honors at Minnesota (and later pro laurels with the Chicago Bears), but junior played his college ball at Notre Dame.

I'll always remember Bronko as one of the greatest built athletes I've ever seen, practically a man of steel with the most impressive pair of legs I've ever seen.

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INCIDENTALLY, ROY SHIRE is one of the most enthusiastic promoters we have ever seen. Because he has spent a few years in the ring looking out, he is well able to judge just the kind of a match that fans appreciate and does everything in his power to give it to his patrons. He has made the Cow Palace in San Francisco the top most spot in the country.

Shire welcomes any suggestions from the fans, so don't hesitate to drop him a line. His bouts are put on for your enjoyment and he is more than glad to have you voice your opinions.

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Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson he learns.

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I AGREE—Curley Culp, a college wrestling champion with ambitions of becoming an All-America football player, credits the mat sport for his development into one of the top linemen in Arizona State University history.

Culp, a 250-pound middle guard, says wrestling helped him get the balance and coordination he needed for football.

At A.S.U., Culp has won all league football honors in the Western Athletic Conference, captured the U.A.C. heavyweight title three times and won the National Collegiate Athletic Association grappling title last year.

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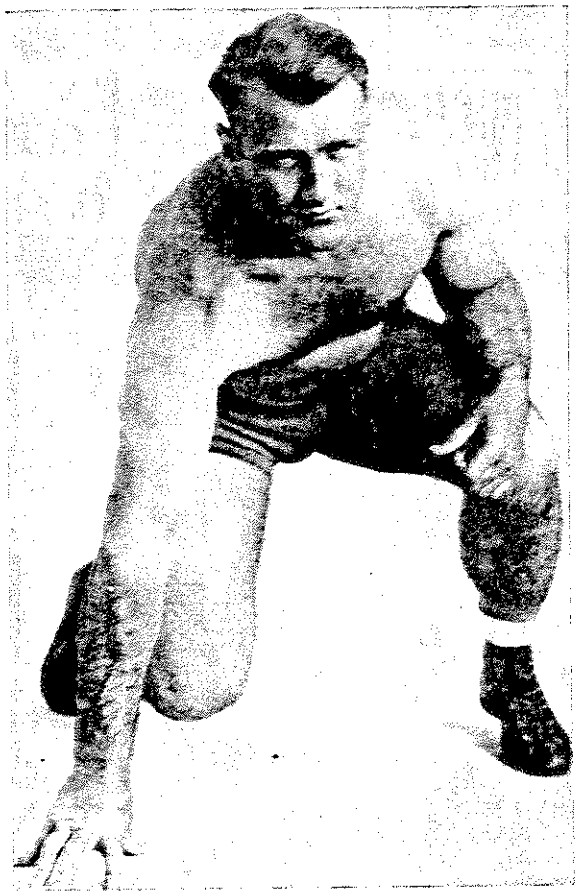
BY THE WAY, DID YOU KNOW?

That the greatest weight difference in a world championship fight was that in the bout between Primo Carnera and Tommy Loughran at Miami, March 1, 1934, Carnera, 270 pounds, Loughrain, 184 pounds.

That there have been five foreigners who held the heavyweight crown, Fitzsimmons (England), Burns (Canada), Schmeling (Germany), Carnera (Italy) and Johannson (Sweden).

That wrestling battle royals are barred in many parts of the United States as the athletic commissions consider them too dangerous. In some cases, wrestlers have come down with serious injury, especially in pile ups, where three or more other heavyweights pile on the chest of a man who is down.



BRONKO NAGURSKI

WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER?

QUESTION

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ANSWER

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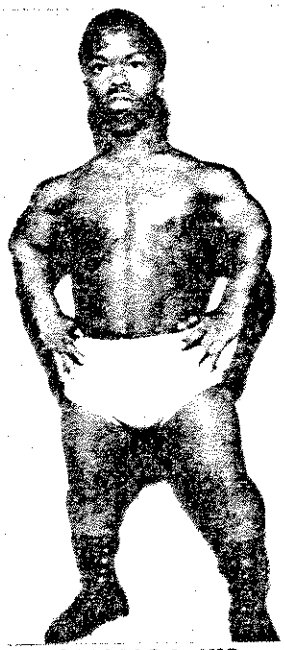

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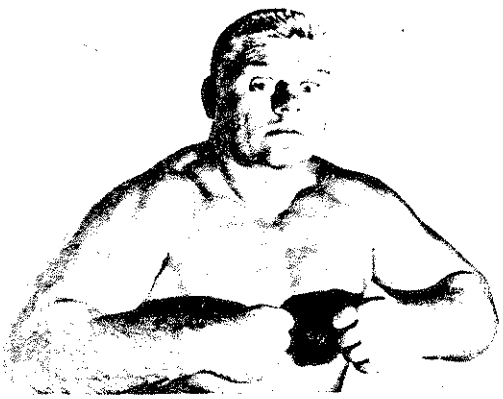


THE CRUSHER

BAD BOY BULLINSKI

Crusher, Bullinski

A Devastating New Tag Team

A devastating new tag-team combination has been formed and it will be unveiled tonight at the Minneapolis Auditorium. Consider what you would have if somebody had teamed up the H-Bomb and a tornado and you might have something close to the new team of The Crusher and Bad Boy Bullinski. The two will meet "Luscious" Lars Anderson and "Pretty Boy" Larry Hennig in tonight's main bout.

Bullinski, a 264-pound former truck driver and hod carrier from Chicago, says things should be easy now that he has teamed up with the feared Crusher. "We can beat anybody," boomed Bullinski. "With me and him together there'll be no sweat. It's an honor to be a partner with him."

Besides their similarity in ring antics and appearance, both share similar tastes outside the ring. "He likes beer and polka and so do I," said the Bull. "we get along real good."

The devastating new tag-team combo was the idea of promoter Wally Karbo, who figures the two will be able to give the pretty boys Anderson and Hennig a run for their money.

Between the two, The Crusher and Bullinski probably have the most powerful arms in wrestling. The Crusher is famous for his "50-megaton arms" but Bullinski's may be even bigger and more powerful. Bad Boy is reputed to have put down a world champion arm wrestler in a $1,000 match.

The Crusher has a long-established reputation for roughness in this area, and Bullinski is well on his way to establishing a similar one. A couple of weeks he squared off against Blackjack Lanza and didn't even blink an eye in the process. The two battled like savages, and it really didn't surprise anyone when both were finally disqualified."

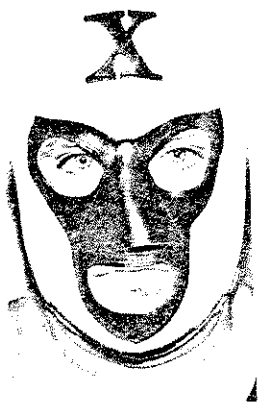
But Anderson and Hennig are far from fearful of the new combo. In fact, they're looking forward to the match, and the rougher the better. The two "pretty ones" have been having great success lately but they've also been complaining about the poor quality of their opponents.

Now Karbo has given them someone tough. If they can beat The Crusher and Bullinski, Anderson's and Hennig's chances of taking the world tag-team championship away from The Vachones will be greatly increased. They're not about to let the opportunity slip away.

Fans who see this program in advance of the bouts are reminded that choice seats still remain, but purchasing ducats in advance is always the wise way. It avoids standing in line at ticket windows, and assures a top location before the best seats are purchased. (Ticket information appears on the back page.)

Blackjack Vs. Dr. X?

BLACKJACK LANZA



DR. X

Two more big professional wrestling cards are scheduled in the Twin Cities in the near future. Matchmaker Bill Kuusisto says there is an excellent possibility that Blackjack Lanza will be matched against Dr. X in a monumental battle at the St. Paul Auditorium next Saturday. The match isn't firmed up yet, but if it is, it should be a great one.

Lanza and Dr. X were originally tag-team partners but three weeks ago had a falling out during a television match which brought about a brutal and bloody special contest later in the evening which saw Dr. X be unmasked.

However, Lanza and Mgr. Bobby Heenan had beaten Dr. X so badly that the blood obscured his appearance and no one was able to identify him. A number of identities were suggested for Dr. X, but it was impossible to tell.

Lanza is now vowing to take the mask off again and tell for sure while Dr. X is clamoring for revenge. If the two do get together, it promises to be one of the bloodiest battles of the year.

Another card is scheduled for Sept. 12 at the Dinneapolis Auditorium.

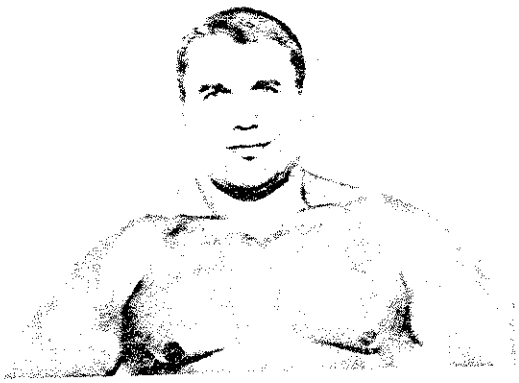
Injury Slows Edouard, But He Wants Blackjack

Edouard Carpentier says he's ready, but promoter Wally Karbo and matchmaker Bil Kuuisto want to make absolutely sure. As a result they have decided to keep the popular Frenchman on the shelf for another couple of weeks rather than risk permanent injury to him.

"Edouard says he's ready. He tested himself with a catch in Hawaii, but he may be trying to come back too soon," said Kuusisto, "We want to see him in a few more gym workouts before we're satisfied that he's ready to go back into action."

Carpentier was sidelined June 20 when he was struck in the head by a chair swung by Blackjack Lanza during a wild television match. Carpentier suffered a concussion which completely sidelined him for quite a while.

Now Carpentier wants back into action and the man he wants is Lanza. Karbo wants to see Carpentier get into the ring with Lanza but he realizes a wrestler doesn't go up against a man like Blackjack if he's not in top condition. "You have to fight fire with fire." Karbo said, "and when he's healthy, Carpentier is one of the best wrestlers in the world."



EDOUARD CARPENTIER

Paul Diamond Becoming Star

A young, fast-rising wrestler from Miami has been moved into the semi-windup bout on tonight's card. Paul Diamond, a slick 238-pounder, will be going against the recently unmasked Double X. Diamond replaced popular Frenchman Edouard Carpentier who has been sidelined since June 20 with a concussion.

Diamond is developing into a top-flight wrestler, according to area mat observers and is well on his way to making a big name for himself.

Double X will be trying to start all over again after being unmasked in a wild bout which revealed his identity as Jim Osborne.

Osborne is a 245-pounder from Okahoma City and is a real veteran in the ring.

Double X is just one of a number of top wrestlers that Diamond will have to meet and beat if he wants to make a name for himself in this area. "I want to make it big in Minneapolis," the handsome Diamond said. "If I can make it against these big names, I can make it anywhere."

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* BOBBY GEIGEL says he'll take anyone promoter Wally Karbo can sign against him. The rugged Texan, who seems to get tougher every time out, has been mopping up all opposition in such places as Kansas City, Oklahoma and around St. Louis. "Minneapolis needs someone like me to clean out the undesirables," Geigel said with emphasis.

* PAUL DIAMOND seems to be more of a crowd favorite every time he wrestles. His hustle leaves nothing to be desired, and the experts are predicting quite a future for this tiger.

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Bad Boy Bullinski (264) Chicago
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Paul Diamond (238) Miami
—vs—
Double X Oklahoma (248)
One Fall

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Kenny Yates (248) Charlotte
—vs—
Kenny Jay Cleveland (221)
One Fall

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Jack Daniels (290) Portland
—vs—
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One Fall

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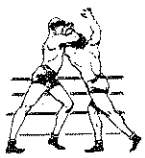

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Gagne Draws Record Crowd

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Over 21,000 wrestling fans attended the match which produced a gate of over $91,000, indicating that wrestling is a top sport, growing in popularity every day.

Jay, Yates in Trophy Bout

A couple of rough customers Kenny Yates and Kenny Jay will suare off in the rubber match of their three meetings Saturday—and and the Loser will get a trophy.

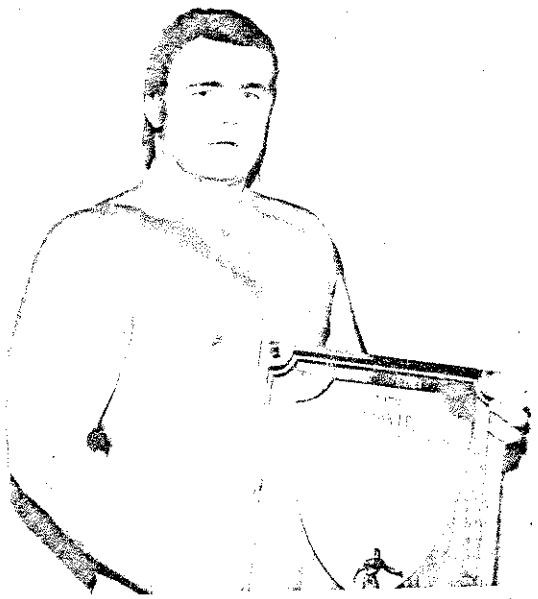
Promoter Wally Karbo announced the switch last week for the pair, who have been engaged in "losers' bouts." But the action figures to stay hot as both try to keep from achieving the dubious distinction of getting a trophy for losing.

Yates, is a 248-pounder from Charlotte and has a good boxing background. And, if things get too rough, he's been known to throw punches.

Jay is a 221-pounder from Michigan City who can also mix it up pretty good.

Blackjack Lanza is being avoided by all other wrestlers, and small wonder. In recent weeks he's put two top men out of commission — Edouard Carpentier and Billy Red Lyons. They aren't exactly calling Lanza the crippler, but some of the comments are ear burners.

VERNE GAGNE



BIG BOB WINDHAM holds his rookie of the year trophy. Promoter Wally Karbo says the Big Texan has great potential. "When he hits people," Karbo says, "they go flying. He's learning by going against the best every week. You'll hear a lot from him in the future."

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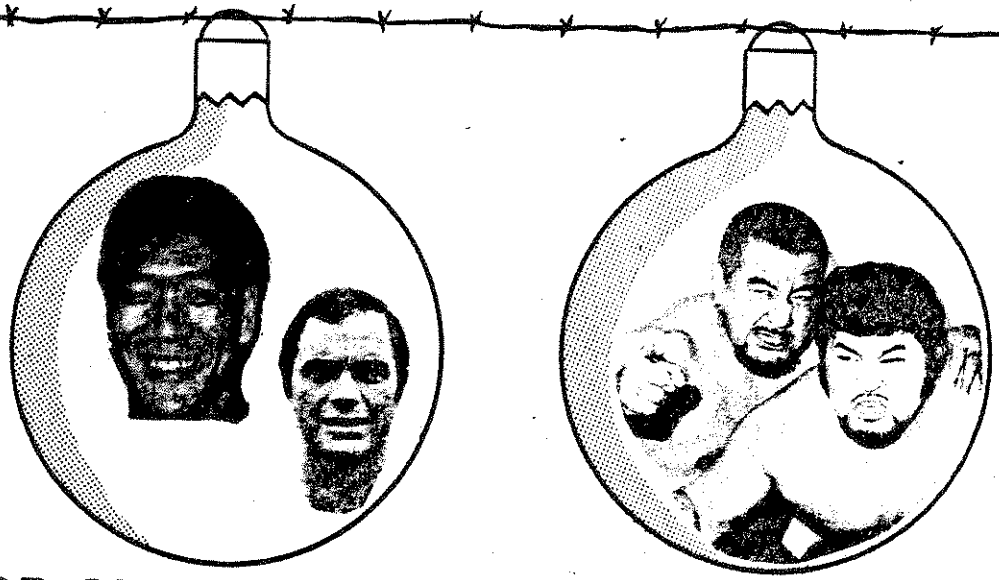

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Tonight Laine gives Gordman a return shot at the belt. The Cowboy has promised the same quick work, however Gordman claims he's ready for the young champion and vows to get his belt back. We'll wait and see . . .

Happy Holidays

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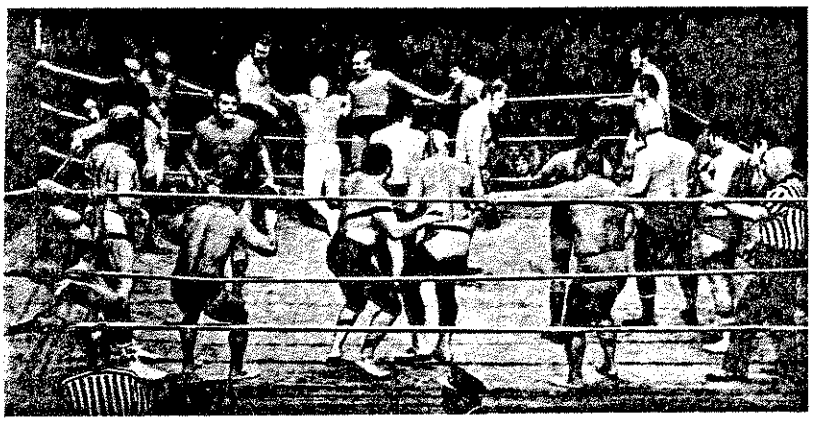

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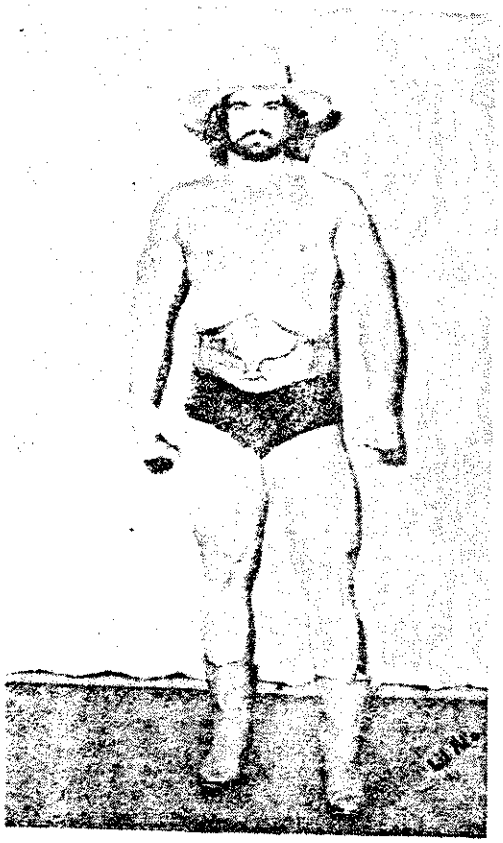

DORY JR. GOT A BAD BREAK

Last Friday nights main event between Dory Jr. and Frank Goodish was an extraordinarily great match, but one that didn't turn out right. The Western States Heavyweight Champion is not a popular title holder, however, this does not mean that he is not a very outstanding wrestler. We must remember that he defeated Ray "Candy Man" Candy for the title and defeated him again in a return match several weeks later. He stood his ground with Andre The Giant and he took his share of the match with former world title holder Dory Jr. here last Friday night. He gave Dory Jr. a run for his money and by the skin of his teeth got his hand raised in victory. It was a lucky move on the part of Frank Goodish and not one of skill. Dory Jr. deserves a return and we don't think that Goodish can luck out again this week. Goodish is a great wrestler but he can't run in the same league as Dory Jr.

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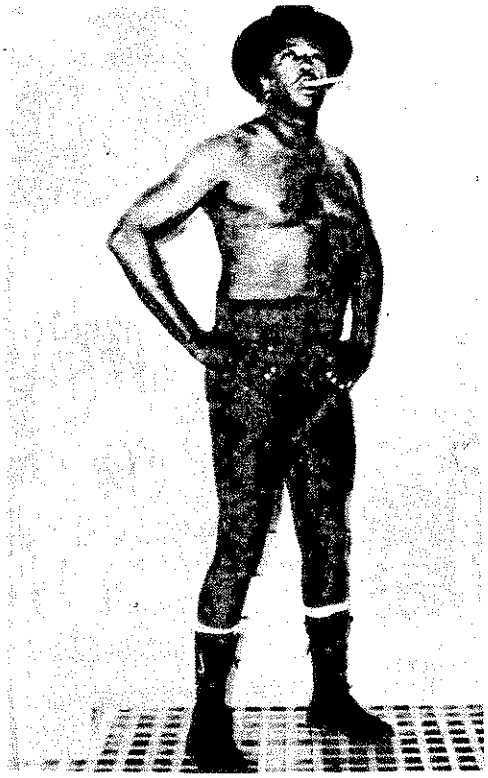
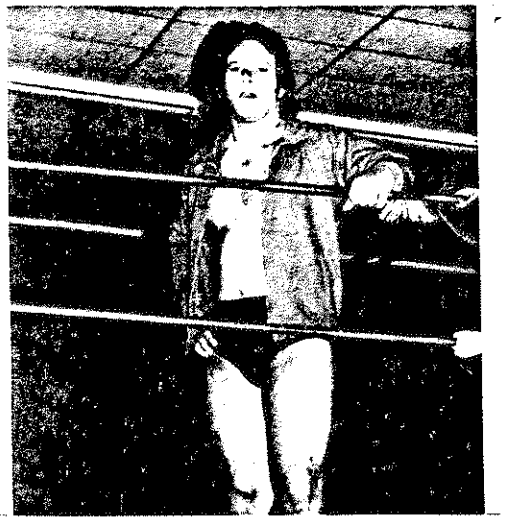
It is going to happen whether we are ready for it or not. Sputnik and Hank James are the new team in professional wrestling and we get the first look at them going up against Ricky and Scott. If there is any talking going on in the ring tonight you can be sure that it won't be between teams. Romero and Casey know they couldn't fight a verbal battle with the two biggest mouths in professional wrestling.





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Ricky Romero — 238 lbs. — Mexico
&
Scott Casey — 235 lbs. — Dallas, Texas
vs.
Sputnik Monroe — 240 lbs. — Monroe, La.
&
Hank James — 252 lbs. — Detroit, Mich.

Ray Stevens — 244 lbs. — San Francisco, Calif
vs.
Randy Tyler — 255 lbs. — Canada

Angelo Poffo — 230 lbs. — Chicago, Ill.
vs.
Juan Sebastian — 228 lbs. — Spain

Silver Streak — 225 lbs. — Parts Unknown
vs.
Buddy Rodgers Jr. — 220 lbs. — New Jersey

(WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE EVENTS.)

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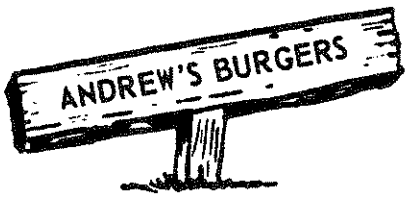

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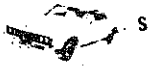

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Tyler is a very capable wrestler and he is going to have to resort to his full ability to stop the internationally known Stevens from taking revenge tonight.

SILVER STREAK RIDES ON

The young masked man that chooses to call himself the Silver Streak is doing a great job in Lubbock and other cities where he wrestles. His manager has released the information that he is a teenager, but that is the only official word we have had. It is a fact that he speaks Spanish when over heard in the dressing room conversation. Judging from his skillful use of the flying head butt, a move that is very popular in old Mexico, and his fluent use of the Span-

Buddy Rodgers Jr. is a new comer to the southwest wrestling scene although he has been seen several times on Championship TV Wrestling Sunday morning.

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